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PFC. GEORGE JAMES KUPEC

Agawam Veteran Is Honored 50 Years Later...

Widow Of WWII Hero Named Honorary Parade Marshall For Memorial Day

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A year before the United States declared war on Japan and Germany, he joined the Army on his 18th birthday in 1940. Seven years later, he died of the hepatitis he contracted while serving as a medic in North Africa. He left behind a wife, a seven month-old daughter, and a record of heroism that's taken more than 50 years to come to light.

Born in a house that still stands on Springfield Street, Pfc. George James Kupec never knew he had been awarded the Army's highest honor, the Silver Star, for "gallantry in action 5 May 1945 by treating and evacuating many wounded soldiers with utter disregard for his own safety at Jesemice, Czechoslovakia."

Kupec's widow, Barbara, knew her husband had been awarded the Purple Heart as a result of a combat-related wound, but she had no idea he had also earned a Bronze Star and a Silver Star.

On Monday, Memorial Day, the U.S. Army will set the record straight in a ceremony on Veterans' Green after the town's annual parade. Guest speaker, Brigadier General Albert A. Mangone, Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Division (Light),

will present Pfc. Kupec's family with all of the medals he earned in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater of operations.

Agawam Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas arranged for Mrs. Kupec to serve as this year's Honorary Parade Marshall and to place the wreath at the War Memorial.

"George Kupec was born in Agawam and Agawam is proud to honor him," Mrs. Bitzas said. "Never in all my years as a Veterans' Agent have we had anything so wonderful happen."

Two years ago, Mrs. Kupec decided to have the Army correct her husband's discharge records, which did not indicate his Purple Heart Award, so that their daughter, AHS history teacher Lynn Lit-chfield, also a town resident, would have an accurate record of her father's wartime service.

Mrs. Kupec still doesn't know exactly what prompted her to send the Army searching through the files so many years after her husband's death. Over the last few years, she's been looking over the mementos and the 100 letters "Jimmie" sent her during the five years of their correspondence courtship.

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Town Of Agawam Memorial Weekend Observances

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 1998

9:30 a.m.: Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1998

CEREMONIES

8:00 a.m.: World War I Memorial (located directly in front of American Legion, Post 185).

8:30 a.m.: Springfield Street Cemetery (across from Sacred Heart Church).

9:00 a.m.: Agawam Center Cemetery (across from St. John's Church).

PARADE

10:00 a.m.: The assembly point for the parade will be Southworth Paper Company. Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. for a one-mile march down Main Street to Veterans' Green.

Any group wishing to participate in the parade is asked to contact the Dept. of Veterans' Services at 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

Preparing For Memorial Day...



ON SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, town residents flagged veterans' graves in preparation for the Memorial Day observances: Harvey Gagnon (VFW 1632), Diane Gagnon (VFW 1632), Mary Ellen Morissette (American Legion Auxiliary 185), Oliver Muldrew (Agawam AARP), Priscilla Peterson, Matt Couture, Jerry Couture (American Legion 185), Danny Goncalves, Al Peckham, and Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas. (See related photos on Pages 6 and 9.) Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Riverside Park To Appeal Denial By Agawam Conservation Commission

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Despite being stymied by a Conservation Commission decision denying their plan to pave a parking lot for 943 cars across from the park, Riverside Park officials are moving ahead with plans to alleviate traffic tie-ups on Main Street.

Riverside Park Vice-President/General Manager Bill Muirhead said the company will file an appeal of the commissioner's decision with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

"We feel our plan is an excellent plan as we exceed the wetlands protection regulations by 81 percent," Muirhead said. "We're fairly confident that our appeal will be approved."

Not questioning the commission's motives in turning down Riverside's request for approval to pave the parking lot, Muirhead said he could see that the commissioners were trying to make improvements to Riverside's plan over the month-long public hearings.

"I applaud the Conservation Commission for trying to make our plan better, but I don't know how the environment is served by denying us on the grounds of a map that's not part of the project."

Last Thursday, the Conservation Commission voted 2-1 against allowing the paving of the parking lot. Noting that he could not vote in favor of a plan based on an inaccurate map of the wetlands, Commissioner David LaFleur said he had asked Riverside to provide the commission with a map delineating the wetlands on all of the park's property, rather than merely on the sites involved in the parking project. But, the request was never

formally forwarded to Riverside's environmental consultants and the commission did not receive a new map.

Commissioner Mark Siegars said the request for the additional map had been made orally during the commission's public hearings and that he could not issue an order of conditions on wetlands preservation based on the quality and competency of the information received from Riverside. Siegars also asked for a legal opinion from Town Solicitor Thomas Locke on the commission's ability to consider Riverside's request (should it be found that the project is subject to review by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection [DEP]).

Commission Chairman Henry Kozloski questioned whether the commission had the authority to demand a wetlands map of areas of the property that were not within 100 feet of the proposed paving project.

LaFleur and Siegars voted to deny Riverside's request to move the paving project forward. Kozloski voted against the denial.

Over the weekend, Muirhead said the company tried out a traffic pattern incorporating a system of cones that marked off traffic lanes and signs that directed traffic on Main Street to neighboring businesses and the park's entrance to improve the traffic flow.

Mixed Reviews For New Traffic Pattern...

The new traffic pattern opened to mixed reviews as park officials identified the strengths and weaknesses in the plan in order to refine the measures they hope will move traffic more effi-

ciently into the park's parking lot on the west side of Main Street, while allowing thru traffic to proceed past the park into Connecticut and into neighboring businesses.

As a result of the weekend traffic experiment, Riverside has determined that more traffic cones should be placed to mark off the lanes on Main Street and improved signage should assist motorists headed for the park as well as thru traffic headed past the park.

"After making several trips past the park on Saturday, I could see that we needed to increase the frequency of the cones marking out the lanes on Main Street and I could see that the signage needs to be better," Muirhead said.

Adopting the axiom that a picture is worth a thousand words, Muirhead has commissioned graphic signs that will clearly direct motorists to the appropriate lanes for entrance to the park or passage past the park into Connecticut or into neighboring businesses.

Muirhead said the park accommodated 16,000 patrons on Saturday without the traffic problems caused by three special concert events at the park because park patrons were not arriving at the same time as on the days when special events caused traffic to back up onto Main Street.

Although Riverside had hoped to have a paved parking lot on the west side of Main Street to offer their guests a more professional appearance, Muirhead said the company will continue to park cars on the existing gravel lot while the appeal of the Conservation Commission's decision proceeds.

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 28th at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Elias for property located on Suffield Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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- Benjamin Disraeli



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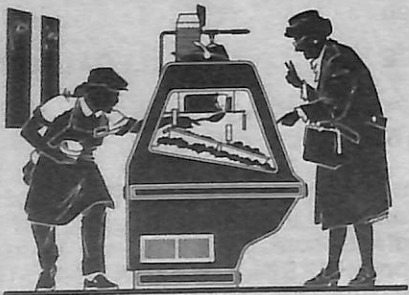
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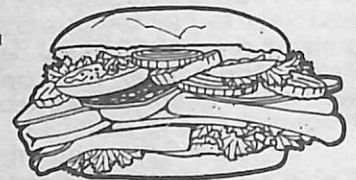
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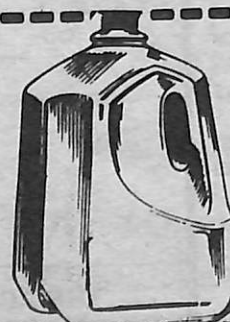
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Letters To The Editor

The Importance Of Observing Child Transportation Safety

To The Editor:

May is the month when we recognize buckling up our seat belts and protecting our children. The U.S. Department of Transportation puts out a brochure with nine safety tips to remember when transporting children. The tips are mainly for parents purchasing child safety seats for the car.

If you are concerned about your child's safety and wish more detailed information, call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393. Some of the questions they can answer address what to check for when buckling up your infant or child in a child's car seat:

Where your child should ride in an automobile? What are the best car seats to buy for infants and toddlers? How tightly the latches should be secured to be effective? Why harnesses on rear-facing safety seats are so important? What should I look for when buying a safety seat to know it meets the Federal motor vehicle safety standards? ... and so many more.

Did you know, air bag can be dangerous to children under 12? Therefore, the U.S. Department of Transportation advises all infants should ride in the back of the car with the seat facing the rear, and all children buckle up in the back seat who are under 12.

If you have a child, give the Auto Safety Hotline a call TODAY!

This message is brought to you by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the GFWC of Massachusetts.

Cindy Sanford Taylor
Vice-President, Agawam Junior Women's Club

Mayor Johnson Should Not Be Raising Residents' Taxes

To The Editor:

The Taxpayers for Positive Change Political Action Committee (TPCPAC) stands in opposition to the tax increase as opposed by the Mayor, Christopher C. Johnson, of Agawam.

As TPCPAC Treasurer, I have argued that our mayor, himself, in an October 23, 1997 letter published in the local *Agawam Advertiser News*, suggested that former City Council President Kent Servis was distorting, misstating, and even fabricating an assessment of our Town's financial situation.

According to Mayor Johnson at the time, Mr. Servis was out of his mind to suggest that a tax hike or sewer hike was imminent. As it turns out, Mr. Servis was absolutely correct and it was our Mayor who was distorting the truth. It seems that our prior reduction in taxes was a sham, an election year ploy, that our Mayor had intended to revoke all the while.

Mr. Servis and his campaign manager, Mr. Joe Mineo, both argued during the fall election campaign that Mayor Johnson would inevitably be raising taxes, and Mayor Johnson is on record denying it. As reporter Kathy Cassanelli noted in an October 30, 1997, *Agawam Advertiser News* article, "A campaign statement by mayoral challenger Kent P. Servis charging that taxes will be going up next year to pay for several capital improvement projects drew a vehement denial from incumbent Mayor Christopher C. Johnson." Mr. Servis, it seems was absolutely correct, and our Mayor was absolutely wrong to deny it.

TPCPAC, in light of all this, opposes the tax increase and any rise in sewer rates, and respectfully requests that Agawam's City Council please oppose any hike in either. The financial situation of the Town has improved considerably since even then, and revenues are rising.

If our Mayor's projections in the latter days of October were not misleading, inaccurate, or blatantly false, then a decrease in each is what actually seems in order. Mayor Johnson gave us his word, and he can now keep it.

Owen Broadhurst
Agawam

Some Things Are "Rotten" In The Town Of Agawam

To The Editor:

As a resident of Agawam, one has to wonder about the Conservation Commission. While they will not agree to let Riverside pave a parking lot,

they were in total agreement when it came to their permission for Berkshire Power.

They agreed it was all right to waste a million-and-a-half gallons of drinking water, per day, of the people of Springfield, Ludlow, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, and Agawam.

They also agreed it was all right to dump a million pounds, per year, of pollution into the air we breathe.

To totally blame the Conservation Commission for the problems that come with letting a destructive power plant into this community would be wrong. They are only one part of the problem.

To even blame the DPU in Boston for putting aside our zoning laws so the power plant could be built is wrong. The permit to build was issued in Agawam. The approval of the evacuation plan for the people who live and work within a half-mile radius of the plant was approved in Agawam, even before a public hearing was held.

You have perhaps heard the saying, "There's something rotten in Denmark." Well, you don't have to go that far to find rotten. You have it right here, at home, in Agawam.

Sincerely,
Mary E. Ghedi
Agawam

Congratulations To Local Athletics During Spring 1998

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all the coaches, the girls, and the boys of the "1998 Spring Season Teams" at "Agawam High School." Playing your heart out and having excellent sportsmanship makes all the difference in the world!

Congratulations to all the coaches, as well as the girls and boys, of the suburban and in-town teams during the "1998 Spring Season" of the "Agawam Soccer Association."

Thank you very much to the parents, relatives, friends, and volunteers who came out to cheer you. Your enthusiasm and support was tremendous!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

A Successful Food Drive For W. Side/Agawam Open Pantry

To The Editor:

I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers and postal workers who participated in this year's food drive, despite the rainy weather.

We were able to fill our basement to the ceiling with 22,000 pounds of food donated by families and friends from West Springfield, Agawam, and Feeding Hills.

Thank you to every person who put out a box of food on Saturday morning to be picked up by your mail carrier; we were able to restock our empty shelves, and will now be able to distribute that food to needy families across our four communities until October!

The generous amount of time, energy, and caring that was put forth this weekend to help in this effort was inspiring. I would like to thank you, the members of our community, for every hour of time, or can of food, that you donated to this cause. We could not have done it without you.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cummings
Executive Director
West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry

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She still has the cut-glass bottle of Channel perfume Jimmie sent from Paris and the hand-made cardboard box he put together with Band-Aids to ship it in. The perfume bottle is still unopened, although much of the liquid has evaporated over the years.

"I never opened the perfume because I just wanted to keep these things as they were when Jimmie sent them," Mrs. Kupec remembers. "I never could figure out how this homemade box, wrapped in a piece of Army blanket, made it all the way from France to Holyoke."

How The Kupecs "Met"...

The couple first met through the mail. When he enlisted in the Army, Jimmie was living with relatives in Chester and attending high school there. He was a junior. Barbara, a freshman at Chester High, lived in nearby Littlefield. They didn't know each other at school, possibly because he left school to join the Army in November of her freshman year. Barbara was one of the students who picked up on the school principal's suggestion to write to the young serviceman.

The two fell in love through the letters and finally met in September 1945 after months of anxious anticipation following the war's end. Five weeks later, they were engaged and were married after a five-month engagement.

"We had never actually met, but I felt I knew him," Mrs. Kupec said. "Still, I felt we couldn't be sure until we met."

It is through his letters that Mrs. Kupec has some insight into the circumstances surrounding her husband's valorous service as a medical aid under battlefield conditions. He never talked about the war after he came home, but he did send one letter from Czechoslovakia after a savage battle with retreating German troops in May 1945.

"The war was almost over and everyone knew the Americans were coming. They were out in the open and the Germans just mowed them down. Jimmie's best friend was killed, even though he did everything he could to save him," Mrs. Kupec said.

When she learned that her husband had earned a Silver Star for his heroism on that Czechoslovakian battleground, Mrs. Kupec was "amazed, but not really surprised in a way. He was the kind of person who would put himself at risk."

Now the whole town will know what kind of person George "Jimmie" Kupec was, and Memorial Day will never be quite the same for his family.

As a girl, Mrs. Kupec joined her grandfather each Memorial Day in laying the wreath at the 104th Infantry Monument in Westfield. This year, her grandsons, Mark and Scott Litchfield, will join her in laying the wreath at Veterans' Green in honor of the grandfather they never knew.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Southworth Paper Company and culminates at Veterans' Green.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of KEVIN M. STANIKMAS, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-8, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a fence at the premises identified as: 36 VASSAR ROAD.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman
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*\$49 Million Spending Plan For Next Fiscal Year...***Mayor's Budget Proposal Includes No Cuts To School Dept. Spending Request**by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It's all a balancing act. On the one hand, there's the need to spend more money to improve the schools. On the other hand, there is a need for a reasonable property tax burden, especially for senior citizens living on fixed incomes.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson thinks his budget proposal of \$49 million for the next fiscal year provides that balance while still maintaining the high-quality services town residents expect.

The largest area of increase, the School Department, is up \$2,326,163 (10.99 percent) over last year. The town side of the budget is up \$809,999 (5.85 percent) over last year, with the largest areas of increase (over \$1.35 million) in debt service, benefits and insurance, and capital improvements, Johnson said.

The debt service is up \$660,070 as a result of temporary interest costs on the five school expansion projects; insurance and benefits are up \$383,835 as a result of increases in health insurance costs; and county pensions costs are up \$109,610.

Unless Town Council makes cuts to the budget proposal submitted by Johnson last week, the town will be spending about nine percent more than last year, and the taxpayers will be paying an average of \$16 more in property taxes to fund the \$49 million spending plan.

At Monday night's council meeting, President Donald Rheault set June 15th as the date for the council's public hearing on the budget. Rheault said copies of the budget will be available for town residents to examine at the Town Clerk's office, the Agawam Library, and the Senior Center.

Rheault urged the chairmen of the council's three budget sub-committees to contact their members and the Mayor's Office to set up

meetings with the department heads in their particular areas of review. The meetings, which will be posted in the Town Clerk's Office, are open to the public.

To continue to provide the town with high-quality services and continue to fully fund the School Department budget, Johnson reluctantly announced a one-percent increase in the tax rate.

"I haven't wanted to go to the people with tax increase after tax increase. Three years ago, we had a one-percent increase; two years ago, we reduced taxes one percent, so this increase nets out at a 1.25 percent increase over a four-year period," Johnson said. "We haven't increased any fees. Water fees haven't increased in nine years, but the sewer fee will increase in January for the first time in eight years."

Johnson said the sewer rate increase is necessary to pay for the \$3.1 million federally-mandated project to separate combined sewer/storm drains. The rate hike will take place in January, but the actual amount of the increase is still under review.

In addition to the one-percent increase in the tax levy, the budget reflects an increase in local aid from the state as well as steady property tax new growth. The property tax levy represents the largest portion (49.7 percent) of the town's revenue. State aid contributes the second largest source of revenue (30.6 percent), and the remainder of the budget is funded through local receipts (6.34 percent), self-sustaining departments (9.24 percent), and available funds (4.12 percent).

Over \$1 Million In Capital Improvement Projects...

The budget contains over \$1 million in capital improvement projects, including education

technology, road and sidewalk improvements, expansion of the Early Childhood Center, and funding for library expansion design.

Other budget highlights include:

- A fully-funded school budget of \$22 million to cover the cost of 17 new full-time staff positions, funding for the school councils, an additional \$125,000 for educational technology, and \$150,000 for Early Childhood Center expansion.

- In the public safety area, the town will be purchasing three new police cruisers and one unmarked car, adding two additional police officers, upgrading an officer to sergeant, and purchasing a new computer information system for the Fire Department.

- The public works budget includes \$200,000 for road repairs, a new Highway Department position for sidewalk repair, a new engineering position, and three new school custodians.

- Under planning and inspections, money has been set aside for an additional full-time plumbing inspector, a new zoning map, and zoning recodification.

Johnson said the town will not be able to afford to continue to increase the school spending at the same rate it has for the last two years due to future decreases in state aid (coupled with the onset of full principal and interest payments for the school expansion projects).

While the amount of state Chapter 70 school aid increased by \$792,520 this year, the amount of the increase represents a reduction of \$456,753 over last year's increase, and that pattern of decreasing aid is expected to continue into the future as Agawam gets closer to the foundation school spending requirements of the Education Reform Act of 1993, Johnson said.

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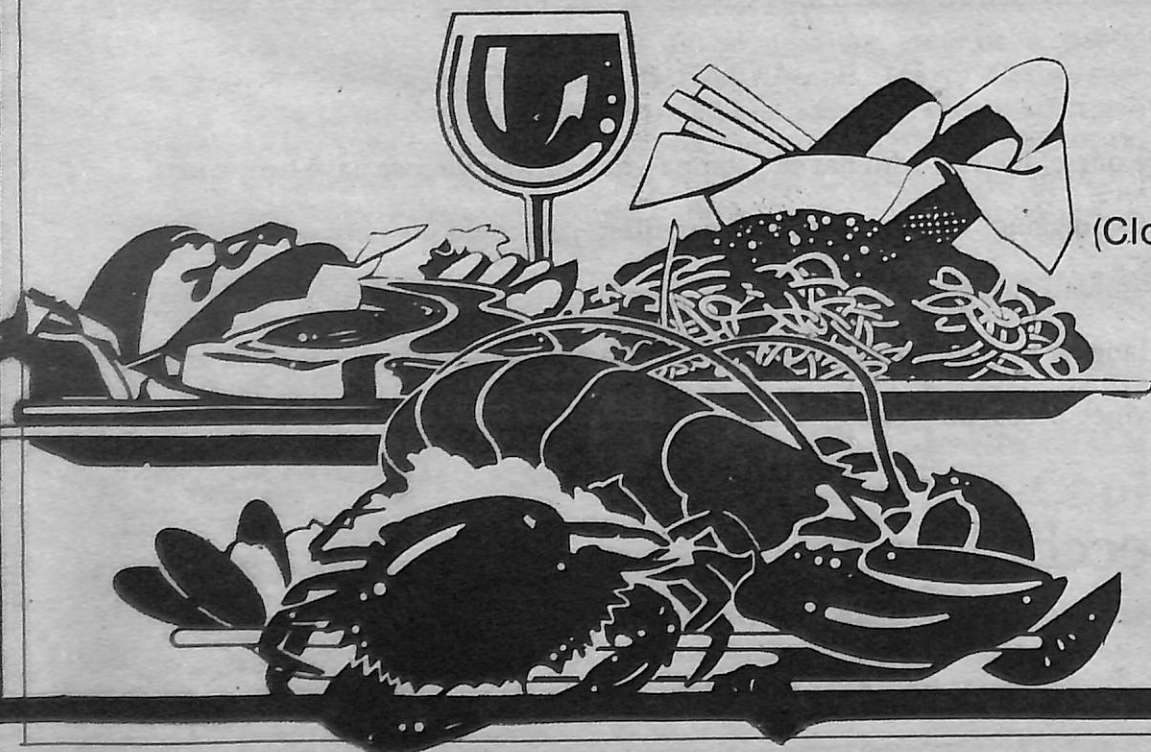
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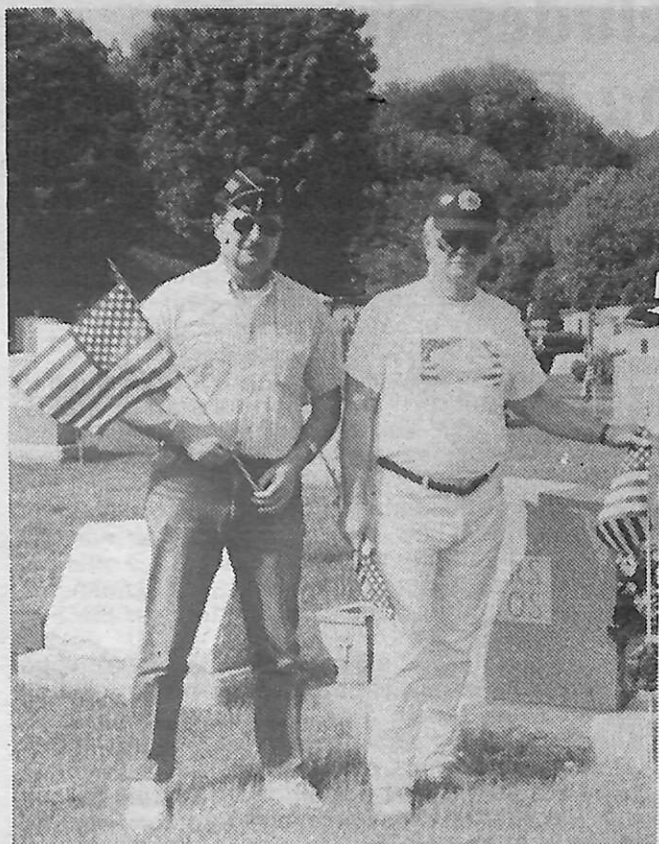
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At Center Cemetery...



MEMBERS OF American Legion Post 185 in Agawam helped to flag veterans' graves at Agawam Center Cemetery last Saturday, May 16th. In photo above: Ken Morytko and Paul Danehey. In photo below: John Brown, Jay O'Sullivan, and George Brown. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian



A Tribute

The memorial inscription at Normandy Chapel, near the D-Day battlefield in France, reads, "These endured all and gave all that justice among nations might prevail and that mankind might enjoy freedom and inherit peace."

As we celebrate Memorial Day this Monday, it is important to remember those who risked their lives in defense of our freedom. So many of our young men and women gave their lives so that we may live in peace.

To me, all veterans, especially those in Hampden County, are very special indeed. The service they provided to our country, our state, and our region is priceless. Memorial Day is a precious time for us to recognize and commemorate the sacrifice, courage, and gallantry of noble and brave men and women who died in far-away battlefields.

We shall never forget those who gave the supreme sacrifice to their country, and our government has a responsibility and obligation to improve the quality of life of veterans who came home and are our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and fellow citizens.

Together, we have achieved several important initiatives that directly benefit our veterans here at home. We have fought and won an impressive state allocation of \$1.7 million for a Western Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam. Plans for the cemetery are progressing rapidly toward the opening in the year 2000. No longer will families of veterans in our area have to drive over three hours to the Cape just to bury or visit a loved one. The cemetery will stand as a glorious symbol of freedom and liberty, right here in Hampden County.

In addition, we have exempted military pensions from Massachusetts income tax. With the amount of sacrifice and commitment veterans have given to the Commonwealth and the U.S., exempting military pensions is one contribution the state can make to our distinguished veterans. In addition, disabled and Purple Heart veterans will receive an additional \$75 in property tax abatement.

I stand behind my veterans. As your Senator and the Assistant Majority Leader, I will do everything I can to honor, protect, and support men and women who have risked their lives in combat. I urge all of you to take time out on Memorial Day to think of everything you and your family enjoy each and every day and remember veterans who have died in defense of freedom.

**Please show your
"patriotic" colors
this Monday by supporting
Agawam's Memorial Day
observances. Thank you!**

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Tax Cut Proposal Clears Senate

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced Senate action on a major \$543 million tax cut package which would provide substantial tax relief to middle income and working families of Massachusetts.

"The Senate has approved tax cuts which will benefit all taxpayers in Massachusetts," Melconian said. "Everyone who files a return will receive tax relief. But it will be equally distributed through all income levels; working families, recent college graduates, and lot to middle income elderly will be the principal beneficiaries."

The Senate's legislation would address a number of different tax issues. The personal exemption on earned income would be doubled, resulting in a \$443 million tax savings. Individual filers would receive a savings \$131, while joint filers will realize a \$262 savings. "This tax cut will provide substantial relief to all Hampden County residents."

Under the legislation, a joint filer earning \$50,000 a year would receive a tax cut of \$262. Governor Cellucci's proposal would only result in a cut of \$175 for a joint filer with the same income. In contrast, a joint filer earning \$500,000 a year would gain a tax cut of \$262 under the Senate plan and \$1,750 with Cellucci's plan.

The second largest component of the tax cut proposal is \$78.3 million to eliminate interest and dividend income targeted for seniors of modest means. Seniors filing individually with income up to \$30,000 and jointly with income up to \$60,000 would be exempt from paying any tax on unearned income.

"This exemption would provide major tax relief to approximately 5,000 seniors in Hampden County," Melconian said. "It is a great day for senior citizens across the state. Eighty percent of all seniors who pay any state tax on unearned income would benefit from our plan."

Another component of the Senate's tax package would bring the state's tax code into conformity with the federal code regarding the Roth IRA. The Senator publicly supported the changes several weeks ago, which would enable middle income, working families to save up to \$2,000 a year for their retirement while still reserving the right to use the money after five years for severe health problems, college tuition, or a first-time home buy.

"The Roth IRA is a terrific opportunity for working families to invest in their future, to avoid paying taxes on these investment earnings, and still use these investments for purchasing a home, educating their children, or early retirement," Melconian said.

The Senate plan would also exempt interest on student loans from taxation. Applicable to anyone with student loans, the plan is designed to encourage advanced education and provide relief for the massive amount of debt many recent college graduates experience.

In addition, the Senate adopted the federal exclusion of capital gains from the sale of homes. Single filers can avoid capital gains on homes up to \$250,000, and joint filers would be exempt from capital gains on homes up to \$500,000.

The House of Representatives has passed its own tax package. Differences must be worked out in a House/Senate conference committee.

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Latest Graduates Of "Citizen Police Academy"...



THE AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT recently graduated its fifth Citizen Police Academy in the Community Room at police headquarters (above). The Citizen Police Academy is part of the police department's community policing initiatives. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY: Sgt. John Hale, Hampden County Sheriff's Department; Sgt. Steven Draghetti, Agawam Safety Officer; Assistant District Attorney Howard Safford; and Agawam Chief of Police Robert Campbell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bitzas Presents Citizens' Petition...



AGAWAM TOWN COUNCILOR George Bitzas (center) presents a petition of 700 signatures to (from left) Council President Donald Rheault, Mayor Christopher Johnson, State Senator Linda Melconian, and State Rep. Daniel Keenan. The citizens' petition urges the Governor and the State Legislature to support the transfer of ownership of the 250 acres of land which are situated in Agawam from Hampden County to the town when county government is abolished by the state on July 1, 1998. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

'Household Hazardous Waste Collection' Is Slated For June 6th

The Town of Agawam will hold its annual "Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day," Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (by appointment only), at the Agawam High School parking lot, Cooper St.

Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid. **Proof of Agawam residency will be required.**

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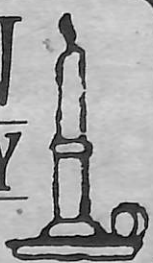
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— Agawam Obituaries —



STELLA BORGATTI

Stella Borgatti, Co-Founder Of E.B.'s Restaurant In Agawam

Stella (Pylypow) Borgatti, 74, of 135 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, died Tuesday, May 19th, at home.

Born in Ludlow, she was educated there and graduated with the class of 1941. In 1954, she moved to Feeding Hills.

She attended the Springfield Civil Service Commercial School on State Street, Springfield.

She was employed in the Payroll Department of American Bosch; worked in the Billing Department of Chapman Valve; and then as a Secretary at Tennessee Gas.

She retired in 1960 and devoted the next 38 years to her children.

From 1986 to 1996, she served as Hostess at the family business, E.B.'s Restaurant in Agawam.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church of Feeding Hills, and a member of the Agawam Senior Center.

She leaves her husband of 44 years, former Agawam Police Detective and founder of E.B.'s Restaurant, Edward G. Borgatti; one son, Edward P. Borgatti of Agawam; one daughter, Shelley M. Reed of Feeding Hills; one grandson, Michael E. Reed of Feeding Hills; and two step-grandsons, Kyle and Josiah Reed.

She was predeceased by a brother, Walter Pylypow, in 1993, and a grandson, Kristofer D. Reed, in 1997.

The funeral will be on Friday morning, May 22nd, at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Calling hours were scheduled for the afternoon and evening of Thursday, May 21st.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Easter Seals Society, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Michael Lazerus

Michael Lazerus, 89, of 464 Main Street, Agawam, died at home.

He was a clerk at the Post Office, and retired in 1971.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong resident of Western Massachusetts.

He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II, and was a radio operator on B-29 Superfortress heavy bombers.

He attended Congregation B'nai Jacob, and belonged to its Brotherhood, Freedman Jewish War Veterans Post 26, American Legion Post 21, the Springfield Hobby Club, and the Springfield Boys and Girls Club.

He leaves nephews and nieces.

A graveside service was held at the congregation cemetery in West Springfield, and Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation B'nai Jacob, 2 Eunice Drive, Longmeadow, MA 01106, or the Jewish Nursing Home, 770 Converse Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

Kathryn A. Crough

Kathryn A. (Mahar) Crough, 76, of Page, Arizona, and formerly of North Street, Feeding Hills, died in Page.

Her husband, Neil F. Crough, died in 1975.

She leaves two sons, Timothy D. of Feeding Hills, and Mark F. of Bullhead City; a daughter,

Bev Jones of Page; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. The burial was in New Cemetery in Southwick.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children International, P.O. Box 419055, Kansas City, Missouri 64141.

Mary Rosen

Mary Rosen, 88, of 464 Main Street, died at home.

She was a teacher's aide at the former Miss Barker's School in Springfield.

Born in Thomaston, Connecticut, she lived in Agawam most of her life.

She leaves sister, Lillie Rosen of Springfield, and nephews and nieces, including Philip Mann and Sara Black.

The graveside service was at Beth Israel Cemetery in West Springfield, and Harold R. Ascher Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Ethel C. LaMountain

Ethel C. (Sweeney) LaMountain, 95, formerly of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She was the long-time manager of the Bing Theater on Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

Born and schooled in Ware, she was a long-time resident of Springfield before moving to Agawam 22 years ago.

Her husband, Leo L. LaMountain, died in 1974. She leaves a son, Albert E. of Chicopee; a daughter, Shirley Progulske of Agawam; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was private, and a private burial took place in Center Cemetery. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Viola R. Hajec

Viola R. (Solitario) Hajec, 87, of 620 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died in local nursing home.

She was a seamstress in the Springfield area for several years.

Born in West Springfield, she lived in Feeding Hills from 1951, and was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank S., in 1989.

She leaves nephews and nieces.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

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At Veterans' Green...



ON MAY 2ND, 15TH, AND 16TH, members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club weeded and planted the Veterans' Green in preparation for Memorial Day. Many hours were spent weeding the garden and cutting in the edge. On May 16th, the plants went in. Joyce Bresse-Granger (left) designed the planting of the various flowers with the assistance of Laura Lapierre (center), while Cindy Sanford-Taylor prepared the garden bed and loosened the soil. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Conservation Commission Seeks To Fill Vacancy

Please be advised that the Town of Agawam is seeking to fill a vacancy on its Conservation Commission.

The Conservation Commission meets twice a month on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Agawam Police Headquarters.

The Commission also performs routine site visits on construction projects and enforcement order sites within its jurisdiction. The Conservation Commission is charged with the enforcement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Rivers Protection Act.

Ordinary tasks involve the approval of delineation of wetland areas, preparation of orders of conditions on construction projects, and the issuance of enforcement orders to insure the protection of wetland areas.

If you are interested in serving on the Agawam Conservation Commission, please contact Jennifer in the Office of the Mayor at 786-0400, ext. 201 for an application.

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Lawrence J. Lepore

Lawrence J. Lepore, 55, of 42 Butternut Drive, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a driver for NAPA Auto Parts Co., and a part-time security worker at Chez Josef.

He was raised in Enfield, Connecticut, and moved to Suffield, Connecticut, where he was a 1960 graduate of the High School.

He attended New England College in New Hampshire, and was a graduate of the Morris School of Business in Hartford.

He lived in Agawam for 24 years, and worshipped at St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, Sandra (Coia) Lepore; a son, David Gilbert of Easthampton; three daughters, Lisa Orban and Lynne Lepore of Agawam, and Christina Dignoti of Wethersfield, Connecticut; his parents, Theodore and Mildred (Matyskiela) Lisowski of Suffield; two sisters, Linda Gallagher of Manchester, New Hampshire, and Barbara Winter of Olney, Maryland; three grandchildren; a nephew; and nieces.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

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GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL faculty members who were honored at Chez Josef on May 7th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VETERAN TEACHERS from Clark Elementary School were among those who were recognized for their many years of dedication and service. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL has its share of faculty members who have been instrumental in shaping the lives of Agawam schoolchildren for 25 or more years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Veteran Agawam Teachers Honored At Celebration Dinner

A celebration dinner recognizing teachers with 25-plus years of dedicated teaching in Agawam Public Schools was held on May 7th at Chez Josef in Agawam.

For 25 years or more, the following teachers and administrators have spent hours with the children of Agawam, conscious that in grabbing hold of the present, they were making a commitment to the future:

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Geraldine A. Schilling-Nordal.

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Harriet A. Aspden and Thomas J. Collins.

37 Years

Frances J. Johnson and Sylvia Ready.

36 Years

Lawrence P. Sheehan.

35 Years

Leo E. Burke, Thomas F. Dacey, David W. Pulaski, and Celia A. Ucella.

34 Years

Theresa A. Eagan, Mary Ann Fraversi, and Janet M. Wysocki.

33 Years

Phyllis A. Lewis and Sylvia L. Sullivan.

32 Years

John T. Burns, Charles R. Condon, Phyllis M. Ferrari, Shirley D. Lertora, Gerald F. Smith, Josephine Whitehead, and Ralph A. Zavarella.

31 Years

Frances J. Anthony, Joseph P. Fitzgerald, Edward G. Merrill, Fred J. Montesi, Dennis M. Moran, Howard J. Murphy, Jr., and Sylvia Starkie.

30 Years

Albert Baggetta, Marion T. Barre, Josette C. Bouchie, Kenneth I. Dean, J. Lawrence Harbeson, Sandra C. Hines, Christine J. Jeserski, Lynn K. Lit-chfield, Christine F. Marek, Joseph Modzelewski, Emmet F. Morrill, James D. White, and Joseph S. Zabielski.

29 Years

Sandra A. Boyer, Leon W. Brunelle, John J. Ferranti, Arthur G. Gage, Margaret M. Hathaway, William F. Julian, James F. Keenan III, Lawrence F. O'Brien, Jr., and Rosemary L. Stratton.

28 Years

Catherine Camara, Richard H. Joseph, Patricia A. LeBlanc, Laura A. Lewis, Marie E. Mazza, Francis R. Meagher, Wayne C. Morse, Pamela Norris, Robert T. Sartwell, David N. Smith, Nancy W. Swikalus, and Linda I. Ulrick.

27 Years

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26 Years

Lorraine F. Alves, Gail M. Curnow, Beverly A. DeGeorge, Janice A. DeFilipi, Louise A. Flak, Patricia A. Flynn, Nancy N. Hellquist, Kevin C. Littlefield, Jane M. Luccardi, Sandra A. Marona, Margo R. Poulin, Elizabeth L. Prew, Elizabeth M. Robinson, Robert A. Sekor, Nancy J. Shaker, and Barbara J. Willenbrock.

25 Years

Andrew J. Bower, Kathie Breuninger, Patricia A. Burnett, Donald A. Dorazio, Anthony J. Ferreira, Stephen B. Files, Lee W. Hazelton, Robert P. Lester, William H. L'Heureux, Anne M. Liptak, John S. Magdycz, Jr., Richard J. Marsh, Frances E. Messina, Ann R. Morison, Barbara G. Olsson, Gerald F. O'Malley, Linda M. Orr, Jane M. Robinson, James E. Ryan, Charlotte R. Shimel, Margaret L. Shinkle, Barbara J. Souliere, Philip S. Tomkiel, and Mary B. Wolochowitz.

The Agawam Education Association and the dinner committee would like to acknowledge the generosity of Chez Josef and their contribution to the success of this special occasion. Piano entertainment for the evening was graciously donated by Dutch Wethamer. Businesses, individuals, and organizations generously sponsored the honorees at the celebration dinner.

Senator Linda J. Melconian issued certificates from the Massachusetts Senate recognizing the years of dedication of the teachers. The 1998 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, Mary Ginley, was the guest speaker for the evening.

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WE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, Memorial Day. However, you can drop off any articles, press releases, etc., over the weekend. Thank you!

Recognizing Long-Time Agawam Schoolteachers...



ON MAY 7TH, Chez Josef was the site of a celebration dinner honoring teachers who have been in the profession for 25 or more years, including faculty members from Robinson Park Elementary School (above). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THESE FACULTY MEMBERS from Phelps Elementary School have seen their share of students who are the children of one-time students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE STAFFS OF Agawam Junior High School (above) and Agawam High School (below) are proud to have a wide array of teachers who've been imparting their knowledge and experience to their students for many years. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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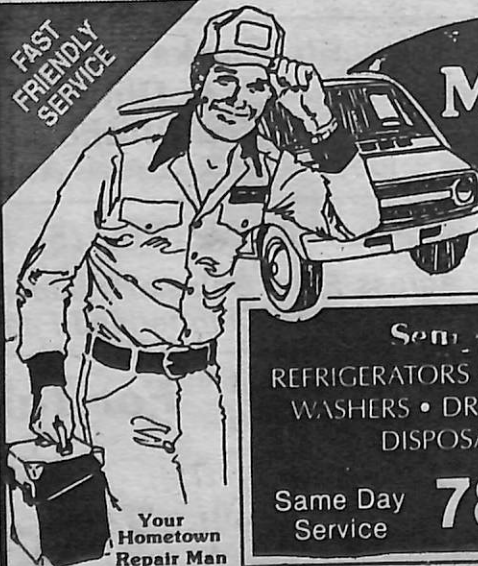
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OUTGOING LIONESS PRESIDENT Eileen Eagan (left) hands the gavel to incoming President Marianne Campbell. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE AGAWAM LIONESS INSTALLATION BANQUET: Rosemarie Maniscalco, Mary Roy, Joanne Rocca, Joann McGeoghan, Shirley Shea, Lillian Doyle, Marianne Campbell, and Eileen Eagan. (Missing from photo: Pat LaLancette.) Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on **THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998 at 6:30 P.M.** for all parties interested in the appeal of **RIVERSIDE PARK**, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-8, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a "Privacy Fence," at the premises identified as: **1623 MAIN STREET.**

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

Published: May 21, 1998

Agawam Lioness Club Holds Annual Installation Banquet At Storowton

The Agawam Lioness held their Annual Banquet at Storowton Tavern on Monday, May 4th. The installation of new officers was held. The installing officer was Marcia Finck.

The following officers were installed: Marianne Campbell, president; Rosemarie Maniscalco, 1st vice president; Joanne Rocca, 2nd vice president; Lillian Doyle, secretary; Pat LaLancette, treasurer;

Mary Roy, hair puller; Eileen Eagan, Shirley Shea, Joann McGeoghan, directors.

Retiring officers are as follows: Eileen Eagan, president; Janet Gallerani, 1st vice president; Alice Olson, 2nd vice president; Shirley Shea, secretary; Shirley Poirier, hair puller; Marsha Finck, Rosemary Maniscalco, Joanne Rocca, and Kathleen Turnbull, directors.



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Exchange Students Visit Women's Club...



THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB and their guests recently enjoyed an "International Night." Club members shared delicious recipes prepared from around the world not only with their guests, but with five foreign exchange students from Agawam High School. Each student shared information about their home country, customs, cuisine, and so many interesting and amusing "tidbits." From left: Simon Tyrberg, Sweden; Wendy Gonzalez, Bolivia; Denise Reinhold, Germany; Camilla Ringvold, Norway; and Raffin Maneechayangkoon, Thailand.

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Summer Schedule For American Academy Of Ballroom Dance, Inc.

The American Academy of Ballroom Dance, Inc., located at 32 Russo Circle, Agawam, has announced its 1998 summer schedule, effective May through August.

Every Monday night, there will be a **Beginner Group Class & Dance Party**, starting at 8:15 p.m. with a group class, followed by open dancing from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. Light snacks and beverages will be served, and the admission is \$5 per person. Come with or without a partner.

Every Friday night, a **Group Class & Dance Party**. The \$10 admission includes the group class from 8:15 to 9:00 p.m., as well as open dancing that follows from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. A light buffet and beverages will be served. Come with or without a partner.

(Please note that the academy will NO LONGER be holding its "Sunday Tea Dances.")

For further information, please feel free to visit the American Academy of Ballroom Dance, Inc., at its aforementioned address or call 786-5125.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day (Senior Center closed).

Tuesday, May 26th: Shepherd's pie, spinach, oat bread, apricots.

Wednesday, May 27th: Chicken paprika pie, tossed salad, breadsticks, ice cream.

Thursday, May 28th: Tortellini soup, meatball grinder with extra sauce, carrot cake.

Friday, May 29th: Seafood casserole, noodles and broccoli, biscuit, plums.

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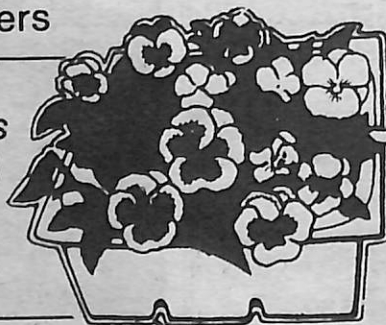
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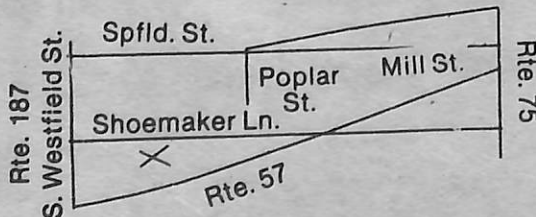
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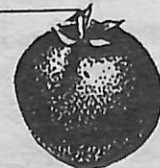
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JOSHUA MICHAEL SHEA

The Shea Family Announces Birth Of Son, Joshua

Jay and Micheline Shea of Agawam are proud to announce the birth of their son, Joshua Michael Shea, who was born on March 9, 1998.

Joshua weighed eight pounds, 7.5 ounces, and was 21½ inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Amanda. The maternal grandparents are John and Crystal Johnson of Agawam. The paternal grandparents are John Shea and the late Darlene Shea of Agawam.

The great grandmothers are Dorothy Rosati and Beatrice Borus, both of Agawam.

Golden Age Club Chapter II Events For June

Wednesday, June 3rd: 1:30 p.m., Regular Meeting. Entertainment - Bingo.

June 8th-12th: Bus trip to the Catskills. "5 Days, 4 Nights" at Raleigh's. There are a few open reservations for this trip. If interested, call Alice Bishop, 786-1528.

Wednesday, June 17th: 1:30 p.m., Regular Meeting. Guest speaker: Beth Carroll, TV Channel 40.

Tuesday, June 23rd: Bust trip to Mohegan Sun.

Friday, June 26th: Board of Directors' Meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

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Quail Run Donates To Firehouse Museum...



JACK AND JEANINE PENNEY, managers at Quail Run Estates, recently presented a check to **Carol Miller**, Treasurer of the Agawam Firehouse Museum Drive. A joint effort of the residents at Quail Run Estates and its parent company, **Holiday Retirement Corp.**, the gift represents a continuing participation in community projects. Pictured above: **Franka Sisti**, **Anne Levine**, **Carol Miller**, **Dorothy Mapes**, **John Zebryk** (Agawam Historical Society Vice-President), and **Jeanine Penney**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Senior Games Athletes To Hold May 23rd Fundraiser

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes are busy planning a large tag/bake sale, along with a car wash, at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, May 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

They are asking all family members and friends to come forward with clean, usable tag sale items. The athletes have a reputation of having very good prices and a good selection of merchandise for sale.

The members all bake up some irresistible goodies for the bake sale, and they serve coffee and donuts for a dollar.

Many folks in town look forward to the tag sales held by the Agawam Senior Games Athletes, and the athletes all hope that those who have not come to one of their tag sales, will certainly give it a try this time.

Hope to see you all there!!!

Heritage Woods To Celebrate Its One-Year Anniversary

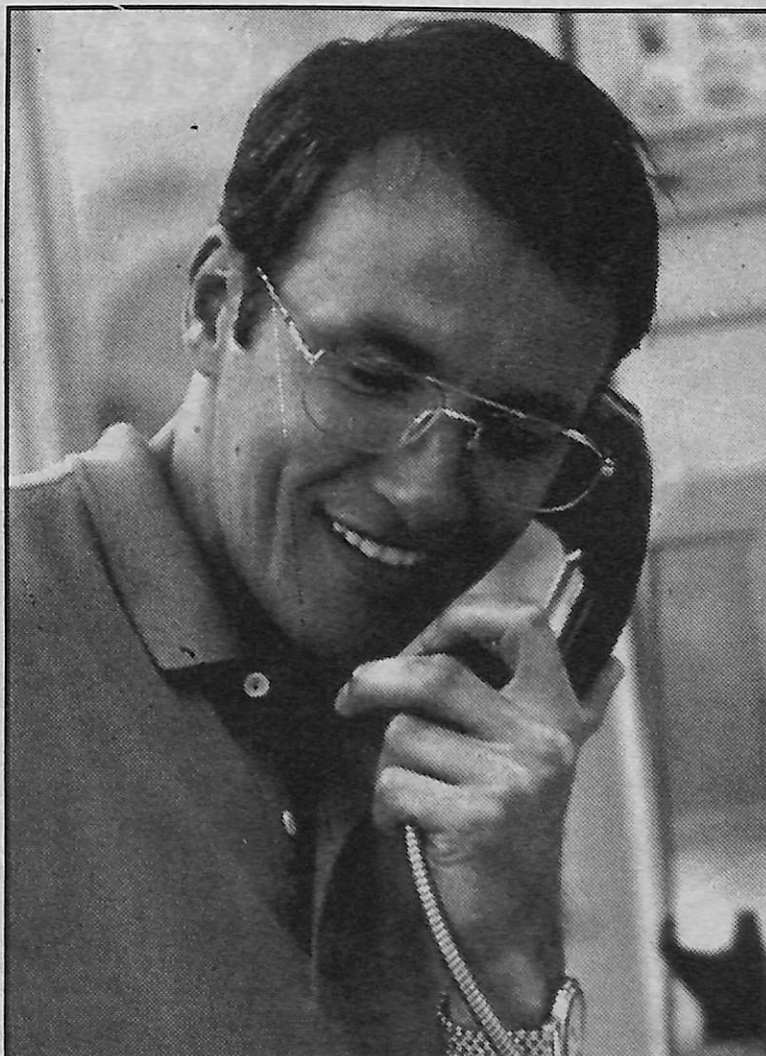
Join the Heritage Centers in celebrating the one-year anniversary of Heritage Woods assisted living on **Sunday, May 31, 1998** from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Since opening a year ago, Heritage Woods assisted living has provided permanent and short-term residence for seniors needing a supportive living environment or temporary assistance due to a recuperation period or caregiver break.

The Heritage Centers are hosting the campus-wide health fair, which includes free professional health screenings, information from local non-profit agencies, and live entertainment.

The event features **Stan McDonald's, Blue Horizon Jazz Band** from 1:00-2:15 p.m., and country western music by **John Lincoln Wright and the Sourmash Boys** from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Free refreshments and shuttle services around campus are provided. All are welcome. Call (413) 786-9704 for more information.



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Kellie-Ann Wright Is Engaged To Wed William J. Lambert, Jr.

Raymond J. & Patricia Wright of Agawam are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kellie-Ann, to William J. Lambert, Jr.

Bill is the son of Norman & Patricia MacKinnon of Springfield, MA, and William J. Lambert, Sr. of Syracuse, New York.

Kellie-Ann is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School, and a 1990 graduate of Mitchell College. She is currently employed as an office manager for Raymond J. Wright, Jr., CPA.

Bill is a 1988 graduate of Central High School, and a 1990 graduate of the Connecticut School of Broadcasting. He is currently employed at WHYN Radio and Interskate 91 of Wilbraham.

Kellie-Ann and Bill will wed on August 14, 1998.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 28, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. for work to be performed on Suffield Street and Shoemaker Lane, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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Jennifer Coughlin Becomes Bride Of Christopher Dolan

Jennifer Coughlin and Christopher Dolan were married recently at Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Coughlin of Westfield. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Dolan, Sr. of Mansfield, Mass.

Christine Restaino attended the bride as maid of honor. Bernard Dolan, Jr. served his brother as best man.

The bride and groom graduated from North Adams State College. Mrs. Dolan is a cytogenetic technologist at the University of Mass. Medical Center in Worcester. Mr. Dolan is employed by the Massachusetts State Police.



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Guiseppe Polimeni, with the Italian Consulate in Springfield, is currently in charge of a fundraising drive to support the mud slide victims in Italy.

The towns to benefit from this drive are Sarno, Quindici, and Bracigliano, and the proceeds will help those who have experienced property damage and those who have been displaced from their homes.

Checks are payable to:
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For further information, call (413) 732-9812.

Library Has Info. On Ag. Couple's Trek Thru Appalachian Trail

Current e-mail messages and postcards from Ron and Cheryl Gaudreau, "The Solemates," are on display at the Agawam Public Library.

The Agawam couple has been thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail since February and have recently reached Waynesboro, Virginia.

Their journal site on the Internet, www.trailplace.com, provides a transcript of their daily journal. (This is updated sporadically, as they have to mail the entries to their transcriber.) While the journal entries often describe the weather and scenery, the most popular topic is FOOD!

Ron and Cheryl look forward to receiving letters in their mail drops along the trail. A copy of their schedule is currently available at the Agawam Public Library, as well as on their home page at www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Rapids/3876.

The Appalachian Trail runs 2,160 miles from Georgia to Maine. The public is invited to the library to read the "Solemates" e-mail messages, and track their progress on our Appalachian Trail poster.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998 at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of RIVERSIDE PARK, which is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a "Safety Bridge" between the East and West sides of the Park at the premises identified as: 1623 MAIN STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

Published: May 21, 1998

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Donna



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Ma & Dad

Trophies, Trophies, And More Trophies...



IN LATE APRIL, the Agawam Lions Club held a "Car Show" on the grounds of Agawam High School and handed out a large number of trophies to its various participants. Pictured above: Agawam Lions Club members Joe Bianca, Chris Johnson, Robert Campbell, and Bob Loomis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Church News

Annual Banquet For Catholic Women's Club...



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF AGAWAM held its annual banquet on May 12th at the Storowton Carriage House on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition. Following the business meeting, members of the banquet committee distributed door prizes. **IN TOP LEFT PHOTO:** Betsy Ciempa, Club President; Carol Pignatare, First Vice-President; Terry Longo, Second Vice-President; Alice Buell, Secretary; Joan Malinoski, Treasurer; and Martha Jerry, Assistant Treasurer. **IN TOP RIGHT PHOTO:** Father Howard McCormick (the Club's spiritual leader and a banquet guest), members Eleanor Balboni, Gloria Colby, Barbara Pfau, and Father William Lunney (Parochial Vicar at St. John's Church and a banquet guest). **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Patricia Sherry, Peg Saliba, Ann Sorel, Peg Altobelli, Alice Pietroniro, Antoinette Circosta, Evelyn Romano, Mary Tatro, Jean Brusseau (banquet co-chairwoman), and Rita Moore (banquet co-chairwoman). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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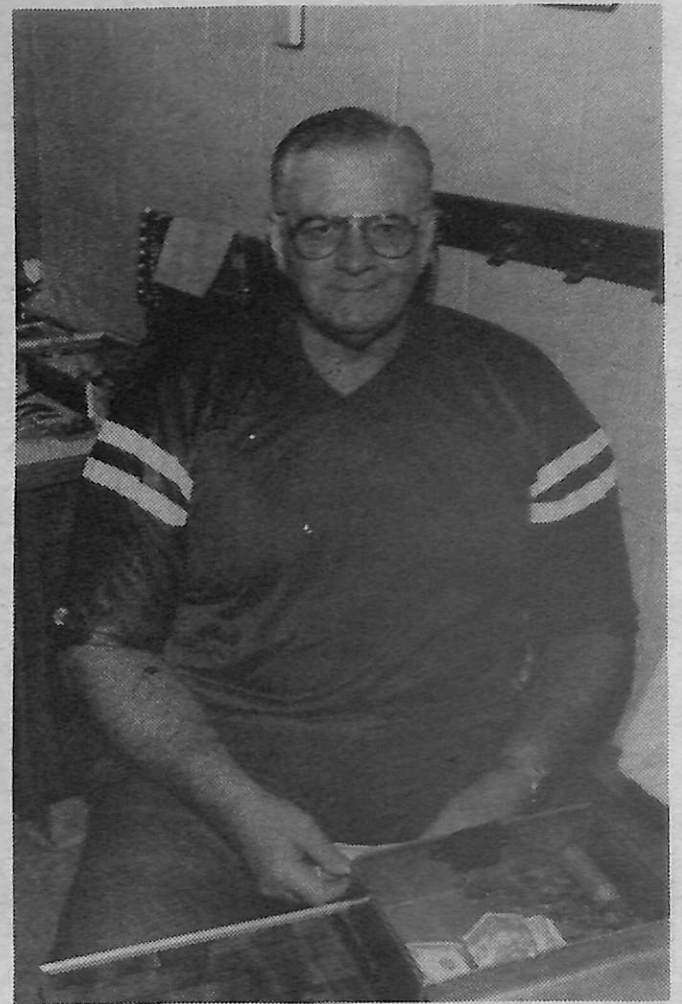
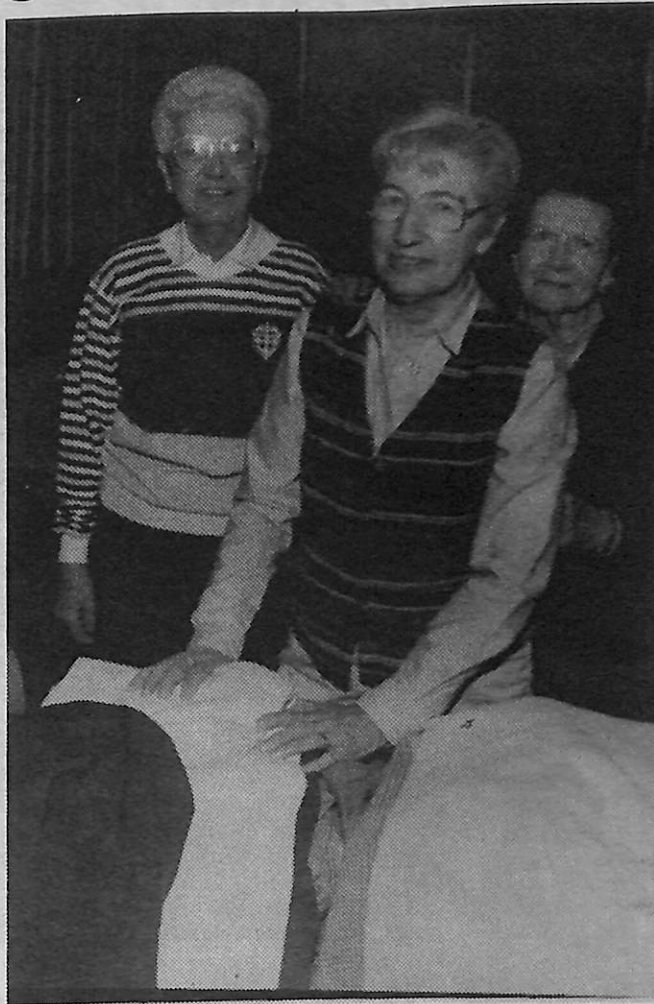


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Rummage Sale At Sacred Heart Church



IN LEFT PHOTO: Julia Kozikowski and Freda Seymour prepare for the sale. IN CENTER PHOTO: Louise Ball, Theresa Barlow, and Christine D'Amato. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Don Capponcelli mans the cash box. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

May 28th Meeting On Weight Loss Via Spiritual Gain

Can you stop in the middle of a candy bar and have no desire to eat the second half? Realizing that you have this ability within you but simply are not aware of it is what the "Weigh Down Workshop" is all about.

"Weigh Down Workshop" is a 12-week Bible study designed to teach people that head hunger (the urge to eat when the body does not need food) is not psychological hunger but spiritual hunger. Replacing head hunger with the will of God transfers the craving for food to a hunger and thirst for righteousness.

A free orientation meeting on the "Weigh Down Workshop" has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28th, at the Church of Christ, 61 Upper Church Street, West Springfield.

For further information, call Carol at 786-0559.

Current Happenings At First Baptist Church

Pastor Ricahrd Barnes' message at this Sunday morning's worship service at 9:30 a.m. will be "Who We Will Serve." He will use scriptural text taken from Acts 14: 8-18.

Claire Crouss will lead the responsive reading, and greeters for the morning will be Alice McMullin and Betty & Harry Durant.

Church school classes will be held for all ages following a period of food and fellowship in Davis Hall after morning worship. Child care is provided.

Coming up this week:

Monday, May 25th: Celebration of Memorial

Day (office closed).

Tuesday, May 26th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 4:30 p.m., Loaves & Fishes (meals for the homeless); 7:00 p.m., Caring Connection; 7:00 p.m., Divorce Recovery Session; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Meeting.

Wednesday, May 27th: 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, May 28th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

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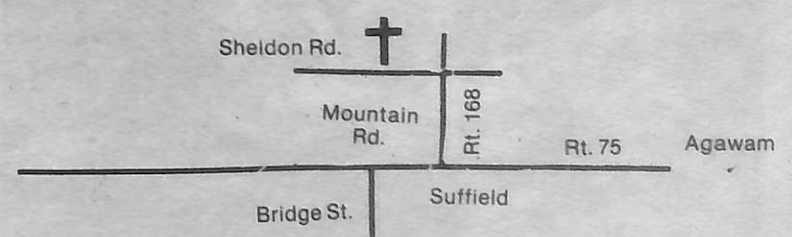
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Reflections...
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The Glory Of His Presence...

Years ago, I knew a woman at a church I attended who had it all. She was stunningly beautiful. She and her husband enjoyed impressive wealth. She was always happy, always talking about how wonderful God is and how He loves everybody and how much she appreciated Him.

It probably occurred to more than one person that it's easy to praise God and be thankful for all His blessings when He's poured out so many on you. One might have wondered just how happy and full of praise this woman might be if some of those blessings she was so thankful for were taken away.

Adversity did come this woman's way, in the form of cancer. I visited her at the hospital. I was not quite sure what I would find. I had never seen her not beautiful and not happy and not full of praise for God.

Now she was lying in a hospital bed receiving cancer treatments. I was pleasantly surprised to be cheerfully and warmly greeted by her. Nothing about her was different, with the exception of her surroundings. She was still happy and talking about how wonderful God is. Her beauty radiated out of her.

Adversity has different effects upon different people. Some people become bitter. Others become better. The woman of this story obviously became better rather than bitter.

The secret to her success in facing adversity was that she did not face it alone, nor did she rely solely upon human comfort. Her strength was not inner strength, it was outer strength. Her strength

and her ability to endure hardship came from God.

In the Bible, there is a story of the Apostle Paul and his friend Silas, who were thrown into jail unfairly. Paul and Silas had been going around being happy and telling everyone who would listen about how wonderful God is and how much He loves everybody.

Then, without warning, they're in jail. Not only that, they had been beaten severely by the authorities before they got thrown into jail.

They could have complained, but they didn't. Instead, **about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.**

Right there, in a rat-infested Roman prison, Paul and Silas were holding a church service! The secret to their joy was that their joy was not derived from circumstances, but rather from the knowledge of the presence of God in their midst.

In good times and bad, in success as well as in adversity, God does not want any of us to be or to feel alone. Loneliness during good times feels like emptiness. Loneliness during bad times is worse.

In one of Jesus' prayers, He prayed, **"As you, Father, are in Me and I am in You, may they also be in Us. I desire that those also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory, which You have given Me."** The glory Jesus spoke of is the sense or awareness of His presence.

God is everywhere at once, but not everybody is aware of His presence. **"Righteous Father, the world does not know You, but I know You; and these know that You have sent Me. I made Your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them."**

Jesus prayed that people would come to know Him, and would never have to feel or be alone again. Paul and Silas experienced God's presence in the Roman prison. The glory of God strengthened them.

The beautiful lady stricken with cancer also experienced God's presence, and that made all the difference in the world to her.

Strawberry Supper To Be Held June 13th At Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Strawberry Supper on Saturday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes ham, potato salad, coleslaw, pickles, mustard, and beverages. The dessert is strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, fresh strawberries, and whipped cream.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are recommended, but a few walk-ins will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111, or Carol Allen at 789-0187 before noon on Friday, June 12th.

Please specify if you require unsweetened strawberries.

To receive notice of all our dinners by mail, call (413) 786-2908 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

Cabaret At Agawam Congregational On Saturday, May 30th

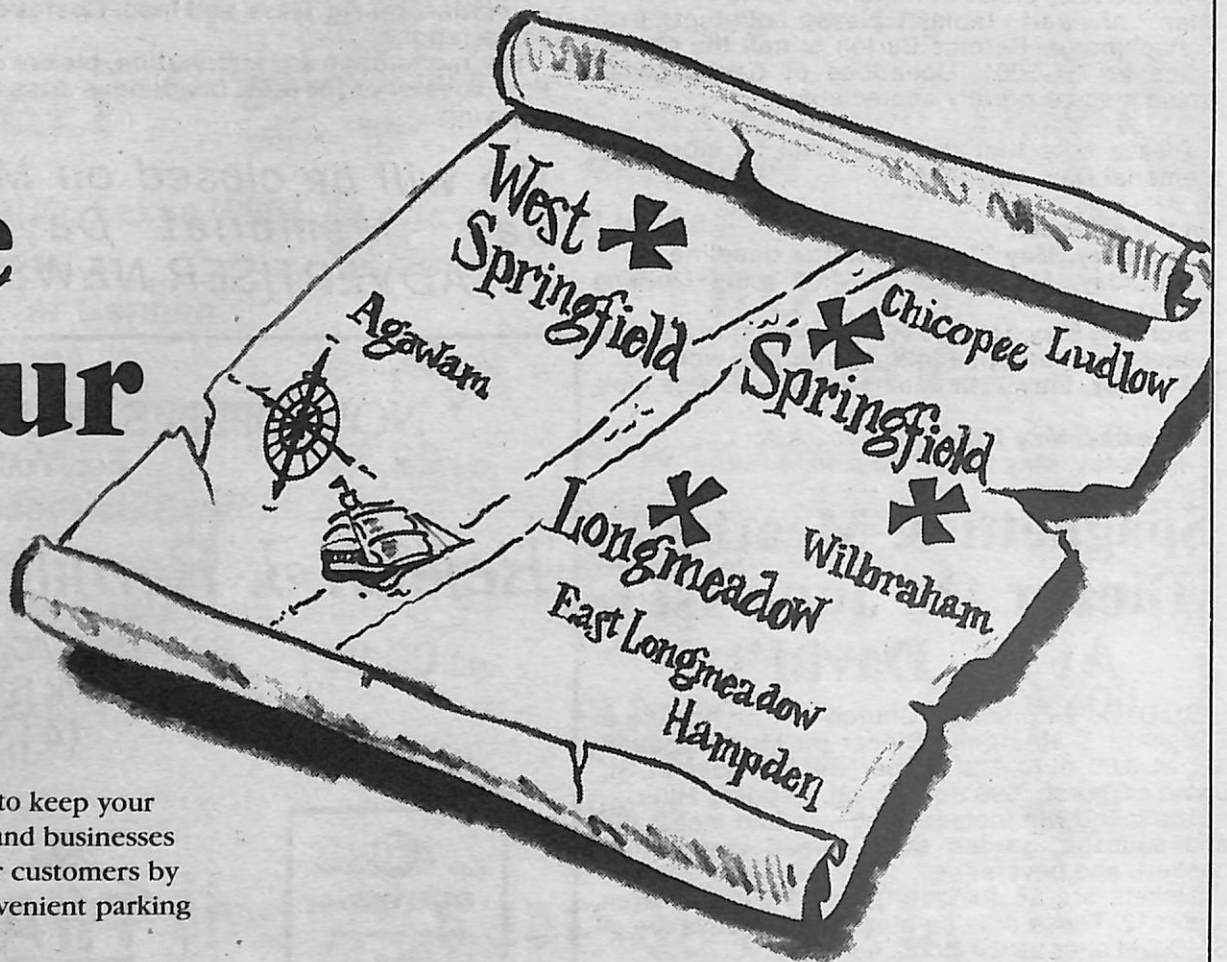
Don't miss this year's exciting Cabaret! The theme will be "A Night on the Town" and will take the audience to *three* different hot spots (without even leaving Bryan Hall!).

It all takes place at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30th, at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. The Cabaret will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

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News & Notes From
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. The lectionary readings for May 24th, Ascension Sunday, are Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47 or Psalm 110, Ephesians 1:15-23, and Luke 24:44-53.

The Lector will be Rick Kretschmar. Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Ascension." Children are invited to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Junior Choir will rehearse following morning worship on Sunday.

Sunday, May 31st is Children's Sunday. There will be a church picnic following worship led by the Sunday School. The Service of Worship will begin at 9:15 a.m. starting the following Sunday, June 7th. Worship will begin at this time throughout the summer months.

Thank you to all who were involved in the fundraiser for our Sunday School. The Tag Sale/Bake Sale was a success again this year and we really cleaned up at the Car Wash!

There will be a quilting social here on Saturday, May 23rd from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Would you like to vacation in Georgia this summer? Rev. Rob has begun to put together a group of people interested in helping to rebuild a church in Perry, Georgia. Four people have already signed on to travel during the last two weeks of July. A crew of up to 10 people is needed. This is a great opportunity for some hands-on outreach.

This church has become a drop-off site for Mercy Ships/Operation Sea Legs, a prosthetic outreach program located in Leon, Nicaragua. This is another of our many mission projects. Watch for more information in *The Informer*.

The LBS is sponsoring the annual Strawberry Supper and food sale on Saturday, June 13th. Helpers are needed. If you are able to pick or clean berries, clean the kitchen, serve in the kitchen, or wait tables, please contact Lani Kretschmar or Bernice Burton or call the church office at 786-5061. Donations of baked goods would also be greatly appreciated.

Please note that the office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25th.

On the calendar:

Thursday, May 21st: Newsletter deadline
Saturday, May 23rd: 1:00-4:00 p.m., Quilting Social
Sunday, May 24th: 10:00 a.m., Worship Service, Junior Choir practice follows morning worship.
Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day (Office closed).
Tuesday, May 26th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
Thursday, May 28th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Spaghetti & Meatball
Dinner On June 1st
At St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Monday, June 1st at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs and sausage, garden salad, bread and butter, dessert, and beverages.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's, or at the door.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

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News & Events At
St. John's Church

ANNUAL ANOINTING MASS

On May 31st at 2:00 p.m., we will once again hold our community celebration of the **Sacrament of the Sick**. We invite all of our parishioners who would like to receive this Sacrament to attend.

The only conditions are age, illness, or accident. We will have medical personnel available to assist.

Our First Communicants are invited to attend to allow our elders to get a view on this new generation of parishioners. A reception will follow in the Parish Center.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

We would like to have the members of the First Communion class participate in the Anointing Mass on May 31st at 2:00 p.m. here at St. John's.

The children will sing and help distribute gifts to the sick and elderly of the parish. Please call Sr. Fran Gloster at 786-8105 if your child will be able to be present.

OVER 60 CLUB

The June 6th Luncheon Banquet will be held at the Oak Ridge Country Club. If you have not made a reservation, please call Barbara at 786-7037. Cost: \$13.

BIBLE CAMP

Our annual Bible Camp for children ages 4-8 will be held during the week of **July 6th-10th**. Camp will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at noon each day. Registration forms will be available after May 15th. Volunteers are needed for this program. Interested? Call Sr. Frances Gloster.

TEEN ENCOUNTER

There will be a **TEEN ENCOUNTER RETREAT** here at St. John's **June 6th & 7th**. This will not be the traditional Encounter Weekend, rather a variation of it. Open to teens ages 14-18 (grades 9-12). It starts on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday evening. The sessions will include talks, discussions, prayer, free time, food, and song. Cost is \$35 with some financial help available.

To register, please call Sr. Fran Gloster, 786-8105. Why not give it a try? Those who have enjoyed the experience. **Deadline is June 1st.**

DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING

The 2nd Annual Diocesan Gathering of our Youth will take place on **June 28th** from 1:00-8:00 p.m. at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen. All students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend this day of recreation, music, Mass, and food. Cost is only \$5 per person.

For registration and information, please call Sr. Fran Gloster at 786-8105. **Deadline is June 8th** for applying.

We will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day ...
ADVERTISER NEWS

Celebrations Abound
At Valley Community

Members of Valley Community Church gathered together last Sunday during worship to warmly welcome new church member, Francis McBride, into their church family.

Whether by ones or twos, Valley Community Church is growing as more and more people are looking for a church home where they can understand the message of God's Word and genuinely feel like they have become part of a warm and caring family.

If you should be searching for such a church home, we invite you to join us for worship this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Steve Dennehy will be sharing a message entitled "A Time to Remember," taken from Revelations 6:9-11.

Joining us for this Memorial Day service will be the VFW Honor Guard. Everyone is invited for Coffee and Fellowship in Dunn Hall immediately following the service.

Church School begins promptly at 11:00 a.m. with classes available for all ages, from first grade through to the adult Bible class. Nursery care is provided throughout the morning for infants and toddlers.

The church office will be closed on Monday in celebration of Memorial Day.

The Pastoral Search Committee will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Secora.

Both Junior and Senior Choirs will gather on Wednesday evening as they begin final preparations for the summer season.

The Junior Choir will meet at 6:15 p.m., and the Senior Choir at 7:15 p.m.

Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 3 will hold their weekly meeting on Thursday from 6:15 until 7:45 p.m., where they will review all the necessary equipment needed for their Friday night sleep-out.

The final Fellowship Supper until fall will be held on Friday, May 29th. These monthly suppers give the entire church family a chance to just enjoy each other's company.

Great entertainment will follow the supper, so all are reminded to come and join in the fun.

On Saturday, May 30th, many adults and children of the church will travel to Springfield to take part in the annual **MARCH FOR JESUS**. This is the third year the church has participated and is enjoyed by young and old alike.

Valley Community Church is a church alive and vibrant in their love of Jesus Christ. The church is located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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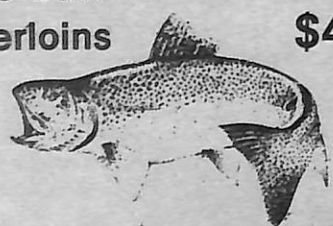
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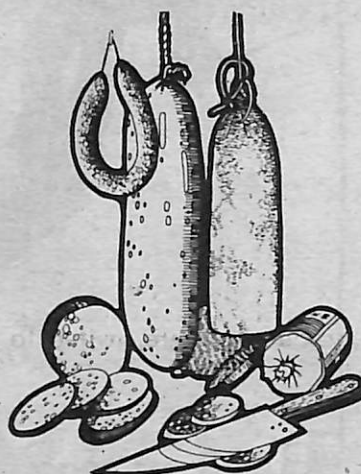
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Church News - continued...

Weekly Calendar From Agawam Congregational

This Sunday, May 24th, is the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and the Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

It is also Memorial Day Sunday. Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Causing Trouble," taken from Text: Acts: 16:16-34. The Children's Message will be: "I'm in Trouble," given by Rev. Fuller.

There will not be any Church School due to the holiday weekend. Classes will resume next Sunday, May 31st.

The Adult Education Class continues each Wednesday night at 7:45 p.m. through June 10th, following the Midweek Worship.

Rev. Curt D. Fuller will be leading the class. Child care will be provided each week from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. to encourage families to attend.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is macaroni and sauce for the Loaves & Fishes Program.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

Memorial Day Service
For The Unborn Slated
For Sun., May 24th

On Sunday, May 24th, a Memorial Day service for the unborn will be held at the Oak Grove Cemetery, 425 Bay Street, Springfield.

The time of the short ceremony is at 1:00 p.m. Those coming will gather behind the soldier's monument.

The remains of hundreds of babies killed by abortion at Baystate Medical Center have been laid to rest in a mass grave at the Oak Grove Cemetery.

On Memorial Day, pro-lifers from the Western Mass. area will gather at this gravesite to honor these children who are real life casualties in the war against the unborn.

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Come and enjoy a special night of music. A Cabaret, "A Night on the Town," will be presented on Saturday, May 30th, at 7:00 p.m. by the Adult Choir and area musicians.

The Cabaret will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music.

On Sunday, May 31st, following the Worship Service, there will be a "Young At Heart Luncheon" held in Bryan Hall for our 50 and older people.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Coffee Hour this week. Hurry and get your reservation in!

The Youth Groups of the church are hosting a Talent Show on June 6th at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up for this fun-filled evening for all ages.

The new Youth Advisor, Tammy Washburn, will be directing the event.

There are still tickets available to the "West Side Story" performance at Springfield Symphony Hall on Saturday, June 6th. They are only \$29.50 each.

Please call the church office, 786-7111, to reserve your tickets today!

The Eighth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 13th. The shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m., and there will be several hole-in-one prizes — including a \$10,000 hole-in-one!

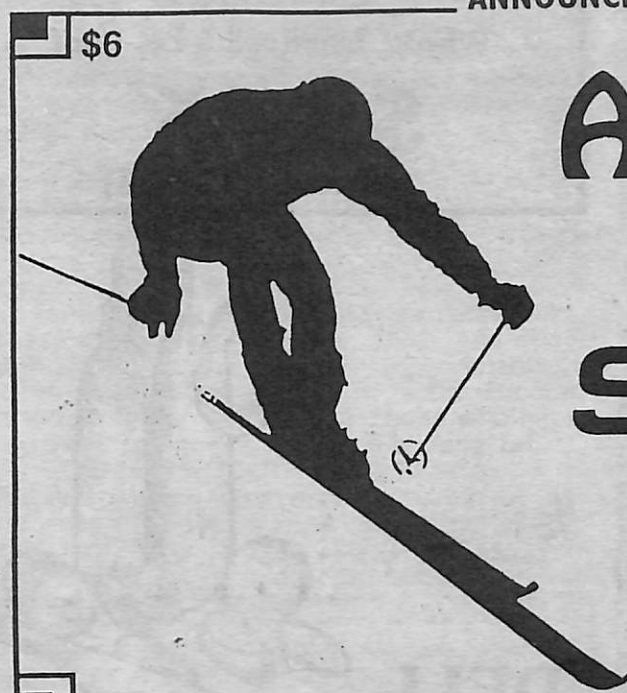
The player fee is \$35 (which includes green fee, cart, and meal). Pre-register by June 8th and save \$10 (the fee will be only \$25).

Hole sponsors (\$50) and patrons (\$10) are needed, and business ads cost \$25. All golfers are welcome — men, women, seniors, and juniors.

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Spotlight On Business



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Hampden Savings Bank Announces New Staff Members

With their recent move into new offices at 77-83 Market Place in downtown Springfield now complete, the Business Banking Department at Hampden Savings Bank announced an expansion of its professional staff.

Glenn S. Welch has been hired by the Bank and appointed as Vice President of Business Banking. Mr. Welch possesses 13 years of commercial banking experience and, in his prior position as a Vice President of a regional bank, managed an \$80 million commercial loan portfolio consisting of 37 account relationships.

"Glenn's experience and performance adds a new dimension to our Business Banking Department," noted Senior Vice President & Division Executive William Marsh III. "In 1997 alone, he achieved \$16.7 million in new loan commitments. That standard is clear recognition of his connection to the business community and the trust his clients have in him."

The bank has also promoted Barbara S. Ubertalli as Manager of the Business Banking Department. Ms. Ubertalli joined the bank in 1997 and has 12 years of experience as a loan review officer and assistant vice president for two different regional banks.

"Barbara's knowledge and background really completes our team," stated Marsh in announcing her new position. "She will be the key ingredient in managing our growth and ensuring a consistent level of personal service to each of our business clients."

Legal Memo

by
Alan J. Ferrigno, Esq.
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Show Cause Hearing...

Before a criminal complaint is issued, there is a very important procedure that is available to prospective defendants in the District Court, under certain conditions. If a person goes to the Clerk's office and makes an oral complaint against a person, not under arrest, and the complaint involves a misdemeanor, he or she will be asked to complete an application for issuance of process.

Before process (complaint) issues, the District Court must give to the accused person, written notice of the application and an opportunity to be heard in opposition, unless exigent circumstances are present.

The exigent circumstances that remove the need for written notice involve an imminent threat of bodily injury, the commission of a crime or of flight from the Commonwealth by the accused person.

In practice, the person completes the application for the issuance of process, and before a complaint issues, a show cause hearing will be held, if the person complained of falls within the ambit of the statute.

The implicit purpose of the show cause hearing is to enable the Clerk to screen a variety of minor criminal or potentially criminal matters out of the criminal justice system through a combination of counseling, discussion, or threat of prosecution. Once a person has received the notice, he or she has a reasonable time for requesting the hearing.

At the hearing, the defendant must be given an opportunity to be heard personally or by counsel in opposition to the issuance of the complaint. The accused is not given the right to cross examine the witnesses, but in practice many magistrates allow a reasonable amount of cross-examination by the accused or his lawyer. A stenographer may be hired by the accused and is allowed to be present and take the evidence.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the magistrate upon consideration of the evidence, may cause the complaint to issue provided that there is probable cause to believe that the person who is the object of the application for the issuance of process has committed the offense charged.

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Common Sense

with
Raymond Rose
THE PIONEER GROUP

How To Conquer Clutter...

Sooner or later, clutter invades nearly everyone's life. A key to clutter control is to have a place for everything. To figure out what belongs where...

Organize the clutter in one complete area without stopping ... set aside a minimum of a half a day ... or tell yourself that you won't stop until "two closets, the garage and the bathroom" are clutter free. It's important not to be sidetracked by distractions. Take the phone off the hook ... don't look at your old high school yearbook ... don't run any errands ... nothing!

Set up large cardboard cartons ... set up one "for charity," one "for elsewhere" and one "to throw out." "For charity" is for useable items only ... no junk. Put the box into your car immediately when completed and drop it off the next time you go out. "For elsewhere" is for anything that goes in another room. Do not put these items away until the end of the day. "To throw out" is for the true junk. If you're the type of person who has trouble throwing things away, have someone else in the

family come by regularly and empty the box.

Reward yourself for a job well done ... have a nice dinner, go out for a movie or spend a quiet evening in your clutter-free home.

TO HELP KEEP YOUR CLUTTER FROM GETTING OUT OF CONTROL IN THE FUTURE Take 20 minutes daily to tidy up by putting everything in the right room ... Toys go in the kid's room, papers and magazines go into the reading rack, etc. Later, when you have more time, you can put things away more specifically.

Find effective clutter storage containers ... Games can be stored in a trunk that doubles as a table on top of which children can play games. Give this area some thought on how it can best be used.

Make an ongoing effort to get rid of things you never use ... Keep a charity box on hand for useable items that you no longer want. The minute the box gets full, put the items in bags and take them to your favorite charity.

NAMES AND NOTES

Household insurance for renters is very important ... and very few people realize that. Landlords' responsibilities are very limited ... they are only responsible for damages to your personal property if you can prove they were negligent.

Too much debt??? Keep personal debt at a level where monthly payments (not including your mortgage/rent) total no more than 20 percent of your take home pay. Any more than that is a danger signal.

Change your car oil lately?

Ray Rose of THE PIONEER GROUP can be reached by phone, 413-731-6800; voice mail, 413-846-0961; or fax, 413-731-6881.

WE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 25th — Memorial Day. However, you can drop off any articles, press releases, etc., over the weekend in order to beat the noontime deadline on Tuesday, May 26th. Thank you ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!



Travel Talk...

by **Lori Keeley, CTC**
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A Day Trip To The Big Apple

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If you don't feel comfortable getting around the city on your own, New York Apple Tours offers sightseeing from Harlem to the Statue of Liberty and will provide an optional hop on, hop off all-day tour for approximately \$54 per person.

So, next time you need a quick getaway, spend a day in New York City. It's closer than you think. I guarantee you will want to go back!

For more information about New York City tours and Amtrak, call TRAVEL CONNECTIONS, LTD, (413) 732-1313.

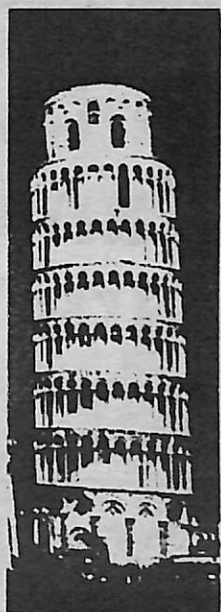
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

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The offices of **The PIONEER GROUP** is sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You."

It will be held Saturday morning, June 6th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:45 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up home buyers; understanding points and closing costs, and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company, and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **The PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested (their last seminar was filled to capacity). For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

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You should also decide the top amount you're willing to pay. However, keep that figure to yourself to maintain your ability to negotiate.

In your offer, spell out the special conditions of the purchase. Include items such as appliances and window treatments, and closing and occupancy dates. Your purchase may be contingent on your ability to obtain financing or a favorable inspection report.

You will submit earnest money with your offer. If you buy the house, the earnest money is applied to the down payment or closing costs. If your offer isn't accepted, your money will be refunded.

The seller will either accept or reject your offer. If the offer is rejected, you may be presented with a counteroffer.

For more information about buying a home, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

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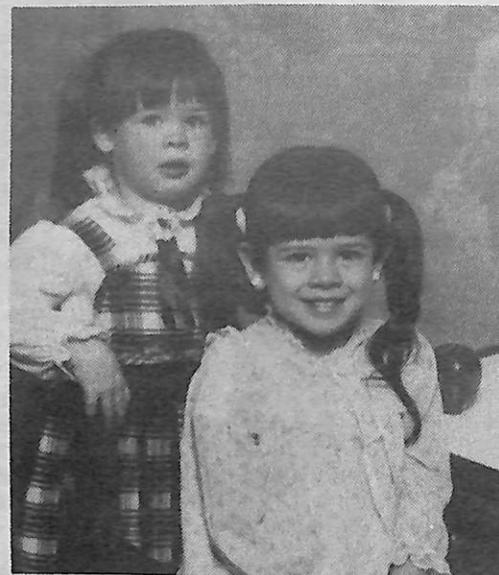
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The "Stress" Of Gardening!!!

Well, spring is finally here. Many Agawam and Feeding Hills residents have begun the arduous task of cleaning up their yards after an unusually tough, long winter.

There's nothing more flattering to a home than a well-kept yard, well-trimmed shrubs, and well-tended flower beds. Likewise, a bountiful vegetable garden is most flattering to its owner and a good pastime ... sometimes. Unfortunately, all too often it is painful for its participants.

Gardening and landscaping are great, if you recognize that they are activities that produce certain body stresses; if you recognize your own physical limitations; and if you do them with good sense as well as enthusiasm.

Most people hibernate all winter. Then, at the first sign of spring, try to make their lawns or gardens the most attractive on the block, all in one day.

They dig, dig, dig ... lift, lift, lift ... bend, bend, bend. The result is ouch, ouch, OUCH! Their backs hurt, their muscles ache, and they wonder why.

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 5. Wear flat, comfortable shoes that offer firm support.
 6. Use the proper tool for each job.
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Fitness Tips...

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by Carmela A. Kirk, R.N.
Fitness Consultant, Fitness First

Exercise is defined as physical activity that is planned, structured, repetitive, and purposeful. Improving or maintaining a fitness level takes some planning.

You can certainly increase your activity by parking farther from your destination, always using stairs, or walking instead of driving whenever possible, but actual fitness takes a little time set aside from planning. You need to plan, according to your goals, a structured routine for the sole purpose of fitness that you can repeat three to four times a week.

One of the most common questions I receive in fitness is, "What is the best machine to use?" My answer is always the same, "Anything and everything, as long as it is safe, will work."

The reason there are so many different pieces of equipment and so many different exercise tapes out is because everyone is different. This is where the planning comes in. What do you like to do?

I've said this before; if you don't enjoy it, you won't stick with it. You can achieve the results you want anyway you want!!!

Joining a gym is great, if you like going and it fits in your budget.

Power walking is very enjoyable and effective. As you get stronger, pick up the pace and increase your time.

Paying a personal trainer is a sure bet if you can afford it and you want that kind of attention.

Biking indoors or outdoors is great fun and an awesome cardiovascular challenge.

Jogging burns a lot of calories and pushes that cardiovascular system.

Hiking is peaceful, yet powerful.

Stretching for 15 minutes every night will benefit everybody.

Calisthenics every other day will do wonders for shaping and toning. Try some push-ups, sit-ups, squats, and lunges to start. Go slow and watch your form for real results.

Am I making myself clear? You don't need new equipment or new clothes. You need to be sure your choices include the important parts of fitness, cardiovascular training, resistance training, and flexibility training. You need to want to improve, you need to plan an activity or two, and you need to enjoy it.

Last and more important, you need to follow the advice of a wise old philosopher who once said: JUST DO IT!

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

Support Groups Courses, And Programs At Noble

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, May 27th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic at this meeting will be "post stroke depression," facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, MSW, LICSW.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, May 26th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to all suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Philip Spigarelli, R.Ph., Director of the Pharmacy at Noble Hospital, will speak to the group about "Diabetes and your medication."

COURSES/PROGRAMS:

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: 1988 Spring Schedule - June 4th. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

This clinic is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

Osteoporosis: You are never too young or old to learn more about it! More than 25 million Americans suffer from osteoporosis. Are you at risk?

Join us to find out more about osteoporosis and you — Monday, June 1st, in Noble Hospital's Ground Floor Conference Room A.

Educational displays, nutritional information, and exercise demonstrations will be ongoing and open to the public from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will also be refreshments, door prizes, and a raffle for a free bone density test.

The following lectures will be taking place on this date - "Bone Densitometry" by John Wilinsky, M.D., at 4:30 p.m., and "Osteoporosis and You" by James Wang, M.D., at 6:30 p.m.

Seating for the lectures is limited, and advance registration is required. To register for a lecture, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

We will be closed on Monday, Memorial Day...

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For Your Health - continued...

Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Healthy Snacking With Fresh Fruits

Anytime is the perfect time to enjoy your favorite fresh fruits. From strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries, to nectarines, pears, and plums, fruits appeal to even the pickiest eaters.

Fruit is an important part of a healthful eating pattern and many fruits are available throughout the year. Having so many choices should help you meet the recommended two to four servings of fruit each day!

What is a serving of fruit?

Count one medium apple, banana, or kiwi, 12 grapes, half cup of strawberries, melon, or other fruit as one serving.

Nutritionally, fruit packs a powerful punch. There is more to fruit than meets the eye. Nutrition-wise, fruits are a bargain because they are low in calories and high in vitamins, minerals, and fiber.

For example, strawberries, cantaloupe, and oranges are rich in folate and vitamin C. Folate (or folic acid) is a B vitamin that has been shown to lower the risk of birth defects. This vitamin is especially important for women during their child-bearing years.

When consumed in adequate amounts (400 micrograms daily) before and during pregnancy, folate can greatly reduce the risk for neural tube defects, such as spina bifida. Over 2,500 babies are born with these defects every year.

Many fruits are also good sources of fiber. Fiber keeps the intestinal tract in good health, and some fibers may decrease the risk of certain cancers and heart disease.

Keeping fruit fresh

Fruit tastes best when fresh. When shopping for fresh fruits, consider ripeness. If you are buying fruit to eat today, buy ripe. For tomorrow or the next day, look for fruit that needs just a little ripening.

And if you don't plan to eat fruit until later in the week, buy fruits that aren't yet ripe. To hasten the ripening of some fruits, such as pears and peaches, put them in a loosely closed paper bag at room temperature.

Fruits to buy ripe and ready to eat: apples, cherries, grapefruit, grapes, oranges, pineapple, strawberries, tangerines, and watermelon.

Fruits that will continue to ripen: apricots, bananas, cantaloupe, kiwi, nectarines, peaches, pears, plantains, and plums.

Give fruit a shower

Always wash fruit before eating it — even if you're going to peel away the outer layer. Use clean running water, not soap. Soap leaves a residue.

Leave edible skins on fruits or trim away as little as possible. Fiber, vitamins, and minerals are found in the skin or just beneath it.

Fruit — a favorite with kids

Besides being nutritious, fresh fruits are great-tasting and perfect for snacks and meals. Kids love fruits because they are naturally sweet and colorful.

Toddlers love finger foods — slice bananas, strawberries, and kiwi for a colorful and tasty snack. Pack an apple, a bunch of grapes, or a plum for your teenager's lunch. Offer a fruit smoothie or fruit with dip for an after-school snack.

Fun fruit snack ideas

Try these delicious snack ideas that are sure to be a hit!

* **Cantaloupe Surprise:** Halve cantaloupes and scoop out seeds. Fill cavities with non-fat lemon yogurt and sliced strawberries, raspberries, grapes, or any other bite-sized fruit.

* **Fruit Skewers:** Thread strawberries, thick banana slices, and fresh or canned pineapple chunks onto a bamboo skewer.

* **Favorite Fruit Shake:** Blend 1 cup fresh berries, ½ banana (cut into 1-inch pieces), ¼ cup vanilla non-fat yogurt, ¼ cup orange juice, and 1 cup ice cubes for a tasty treat.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

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Chiropractic is about learning how to take optimum care of your body via exercise, nutrition, posture, stress management, etc. It is not the quick-fix, take-a-pill, get-rid-of-pain approach to health.

Just like the child who is given a fish to eat, he eats for a day. The same principal can apply to health. You can take a pill to get rid of pain, but the problem is still there and the pain will eventually come back, just like the child will eventually again become hungry.

Teaching a child to fish takes time, effort, and energy, but the benefits are lifelong. The same with taking care of your health; the effort, time, and energy can be difficult at times, but the rewards are many times returned.

Lifelong health is an invaluable treasure. To learn more about taking care of your health, you are invited to attend our next health care class, which will be held Wednesday, June 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in our office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Please call 786-4820 to reserve your space.

You turn our pages for all the hometown news...

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American Heart Association Is Seeking Volunteers

The West Hampden County Division of the American Heart Association is looking for grassroots network volunteers.

Public Advocacy volunteers help keep Massachusetts residents and legislators informed about areas such as biomedical research, tobacco control, nutrition, and to help assure government support for cardiovascular research.

Through the legislative network, volunteers contact their legislators in response to issues of importance to the AHA. Current local public advocacy activities include tobacco control legislation and accessibility of Emergency Cardiac Care.

To assist grassroots network volunteers, a formal training session will be held May 29th. Jennifer Mansfield, Director, Public Advocacy, Massachusetts Affiliate, American Heart Association, will discuss the American Heart Association's core Public Advocacy issues. State Representative Cele Hahn will provide tips on how to communicate effectively with legislators.

For information on becoming an American Heart Association grassroots networker, call Joanna Collins at the American Heart Association (413) 827-0400 or Dr. Stan Strzempko, Chairperson, Public Advocacy group at 568-2811, ext. 5886, or Debbie Michaels, Communication Chairperson at 786-1894.

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Lectures *

Bone Densitometry

John Wilinsky, M.D.
Radiologist

6:30 p.m.

Osteoporosis and You

James Wang, M.D.
Gynecologist

* Seating for the lectures is limited and advance registration is required. To register for: 4:30 p.m. Noble's Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Educational displays, nutritional information and exercise demonstrations will be ongoing and open to the public from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments - Door Prizes
Free Bone Density Test Raffle

Osteoporosis

For Your Health - continued...

March Of Dimes Golf Tourney Expands To Two Locations

Due to an increase in demand, the March of Dimes invitational Golf Classic has now expanded to include Crestview Country Club in Agawam as well as the Springfield Country Club in West Springfield. The Award Banquet will be held immediately thereafter at Chez Josef.

The Eighth Annual event will take place on Monday, June 1st. The tournament will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$150 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, cart, wind breaker, towel, a fabulous dinner, prizes, and a great auction.

Many area businesses have donated prizes to the tournament. The auction will offer such items as tickets for two to anywhere in the Continental U.S.A. (donated by Northwest Airlines) and a one-week stay at a luxury condo in Florida.

The major sponsors of this event are Executive Glass, state-wide sponsor, United Industrial Service, Springfield Anesthesia Service, Flamingo Racing, Sanderson-MacLeod, WGGB-TV NEWS 40, and 94.7FM WMAS.

Western Mass. golfers will have the opportunity to join some of the best foursomes in the state. The March of Dimes holds five golf tournaments across Massachusetts from March through October. This year, for the first time, winning foursomes from the Greater Springfield tournament will be invited to compete at the end of the season for the Executive Glass Bay State Trophy.

Attorneys Jim Chadwell and Paul Amata, Co-Chairs of the event, invite all golfers to join the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies and help to fight birth defects and reduce infant mortality. All monies raised will aid the March of Dimes in its mission by way of research, public and professional education, community service, and advocacy.

The March of Dimes recently awarded \$14,500 in local grants. FIRSTSteps, of Northern Educational Service, Inc., Springfield, received \$7,000 for "Demystifying the Medical Visit" workshop series. New North Citizen's Council, Inc. of Springfield received \$7,000 for "Early Utilization of Prenatal Care Services."

These programs will serve to demystify visits to health care professionals and provide comprehensive outreach to women at risk for adverse perinatal outcomes.

A \$500 grant was awarded to the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias in the Springfield Area for their regional conference. The goal is to link families with the services and support they need.

For more information regarding the tournament or the March of Dimes, please call 788-9775.



GETTING READY TO "TEE OFF" for the upcoming March of Dimes Golf Tournament (from left to right): Attorney Paul Amata, Co-Chair, Robinson, Donovan, Madden & Barry, P.C.; Jim Donoghue, United Industrial Service, Inc., Sponsor; Terry Goudreau, Division Director, March of Dimes; Tony Reopel, United Industrial Service, Inc., Sponsor; and Attorney Jim Chadwell, Co-Chair, Robinson, Donovan, Madden & Barry, P.C. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Providence Ministries Slates Second Annual Women's Golf Tournament For June 29th

Attention all women golfers! Holyoke's Providence Ministries for the Needy, Inc., will be holding its **Second Annual Women's Golf Tournament** on Monday, June 29th, and it will be hosted once again by Brenda Garton from Channel 22 News.

Our 18-hole shotgun scramble is open to female golfers of all skill levels and will be held at Wyckoff Country Club.

A shotgun scramble at 12:00 noon will kick off

the event, and the rest of the afternoon will include a host of activities for all who join in on the festivities. One bonus being offered at this time is a "hole-in-one" to participating golfers who will have the opportunity to win an automobile from Magna Buick.

Dinner will follow and will include various raffles and door prizes.

For further details, please call PMN's main office at 536-9109. The deadline for applications is June 15th.

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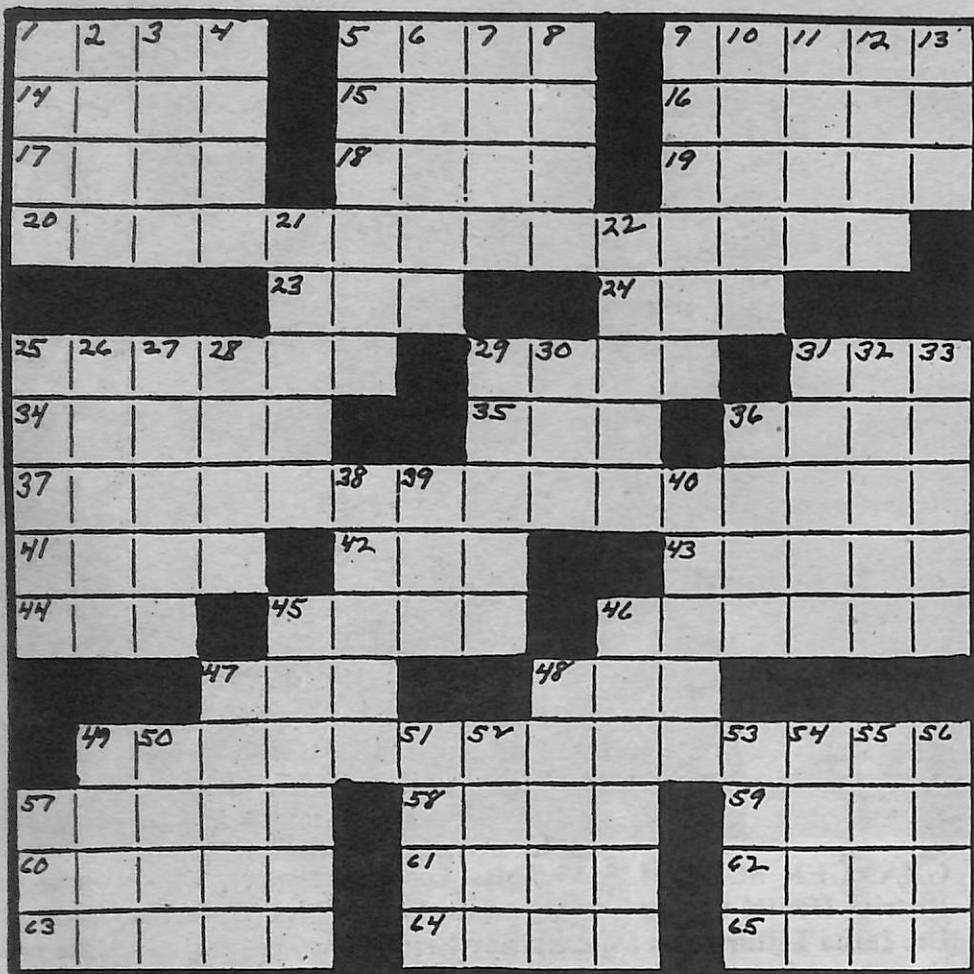
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Tuesday
at 12:00
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Agawam Jr. Women's Arts & Crafts Fair Is Set For June 6th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club's 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair promises to be better than ever before with a wonderful selection of artisans and crafters from near and far.

The fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Featured will be a wide variety of items, including postage stamp art, bamboo flutes, unique jewelry, woodcrafts, etc. Come see the selection of high quality crafts!

The fair will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. The show will be juried and feature approximately 80-100 exhibitors.

Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the AJWC Scholarship Fund. A raffle of items donated by crafters will be held in conjunction with the fair. Winners need not be present to win. Tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be available. A Youth Art Exhibit will be on display inside the Leonard House, as well.

Parking will be available at the Bethany Assembly of God parking lot. There will be side street parking where posted. Parking will not be allowed along Main St. (Rte. 159).

Family Film At The Agawam Library

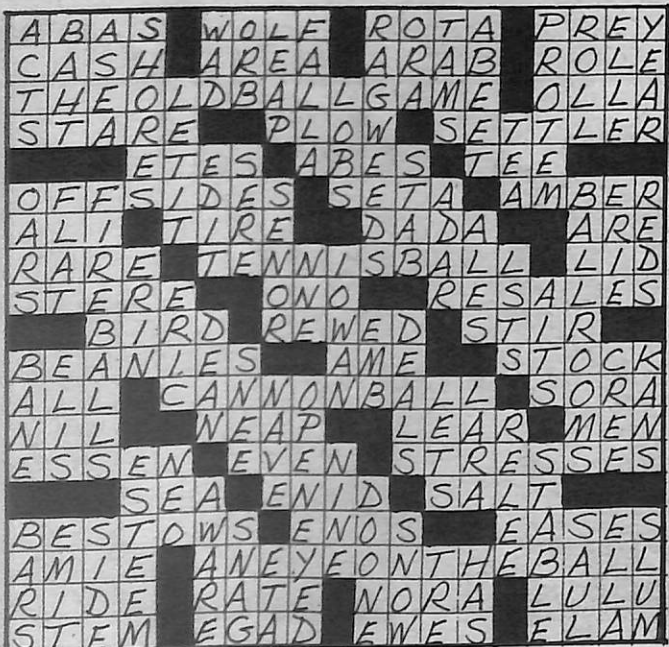
Agawam and Feeding Hills residents ages four and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, May 23rd, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. to view the film "Monkey Trouble."

Dodger is a tiny monkey who gets into more trouble than a barrel full of his relatives! This movie is rated PG and will appeal to kids as well as grownups.

Please register by May 21st by calling 789-1550 or visiting the library.

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Education

Agawam's Grade Six Band Earns Gold Medal At Festival

The Agawam Middle School Grade Six Band was recently awarded with a Gold Medal in the Great East Festival. The band was adjudicated as part of the festival on May 7th and received "superior" ratings in all categories of criteria.

The categories were blend, balance, tone quality, and overall presentation. The band, under the direction of Middle School Band Director Ken Longstreeth, performed three selections of music for adjudication.

William Elwell, Director of the Great East Festivals, served as the adjudicator. Mr. Elwell, a former director of music in the Portsmouth, New Hampshire Public Schools, was especially impressed with the students' attention to detail and overall maturity of playing.

The band scored a total of 95 points out of a possible 100 points. Middle School bands have achieved gold medals or superior ratings in state and regional festivals eight times in the past nine years.

The Grade Six Band will perform its last concert during the Middle School Family Night on Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. The Grade Five Band will be performing on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Both of these performances will take place at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium and are open to the public.

GRADE SIX BAND

PICCOLO: Jennifer Epaul

FLUTES: Heather Adams, Jennifer Epaul, Megan Gloster, Sarah Hersey, Tammy Lee, Allison Peters, Allyson Sekula, Megan Smith, Kerry Tompsett.

CLARINETS: Alexander Alvanos, Joanne Brignoli, Danielle Borsari, Tami Burmeister, Erica Dominguez, Kaitlin Gallagher, Whitney Greene, Kendall Hill, Sarah Huffman, Katie Knodler, Celena Knowlton, Jillian Kos, Michael LaBorde, Christina Metcalf, Sarah Meiers, Pavlina Moysis, Courtne Ober, Kristen Ott, Joseph Renaud, Kyla Roberts, Angela Stork, Brandon Tassone, Felicia Tran, Timothy Walker.

BASS CLARINETS: Danielle Borsari, Courtne Ober.

ALTO SAXOPHONES: Brian Athas, Brendan Cayer, Patrick Coffey, Marc Maloney, Jason Mateson, Adam Smith, Jawaan Wright.

TENOR SAXOPHONES: Elizabeth Couture, Patricia Sheehan.

TRUMPETS: Dennis Aceto, Brendan Cavanaugh, Jesse Clauson, Matthew Greco, Steven Kane, Nicholas Lyman, Roger Martin, Brianne Nicklaw, Brenton Reveruzzi, Nicole Roy, Kyle Sullivan, Jessica Tully, Samuel Young.

TROMBONES: Matthew Hayden, Colleen Knight, Timothy Lawlor, Lisa Ruhl, Jeffrey Sylvain, Michael Weinle.

EUPHONIUM: Thomas Wezniak.

PERCUSSION: Amanda Bruno, David Duplessis, Matthew Hartmann, Jeffrey Sabola, Shane Suffriti.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day (no school).

Tuesday, May 26th: Cheese-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Wednesday, May 27th: Rotini with meatsauce, buttered Italian bread, seasoned broccoli cuts, pear macaroon, milk.

Thursday, May 28th: Taco boat with cheese topping, mild taco sauce, niblet corn, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, May 29th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven potato puffs with catsup, chilled fruit cup or ice cream bar, milk. (Junior High will be ham and cheese on bagel melt.)

Best local news...



GRANGER SCHOOL'S Nicholas DiMaio (center), who won second place in the Valley District Dental Society's essay contest, with Mrs. Catherine Gomes, Mrs. Christy DiMaio, Dr. Dana Litturi, and Mrs. Shirley Lertora. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nicholas DiMaio Wins Second Place In Valley District Dental Society's Essay Contest

Nicholas DiMaio, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Lertora's class at Granger School, has won second place in the Valley District Dental Society's essay contest.

Nicholas received a \$50 Savings Bond from Dr. Dana Litturi for his winning essay, "What Can I Do to Join Dudley's Smile Clubhouse?"

Stressing the use of mouthguards during contact sports, Nicholas explained, "If a tooth does get chipped, it could damage the tooth and my smile. If a permanent tooth falls out, I will have no teeth to replace it and my smile will be ruined." Congratulations, Nicholas!

Jennifer Stacy Of Agawam Named A Finalist In Interview Contest Sponsored By V.I.C.A.

Jennifer Stacy of Agawam High School was named a finalist in the recent Mock Interview Contest for the Co-Op Program sponsored by V.I.C.A. (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). As a finalist, she was allowed to compete in the Massachusetts State Leadership and Skills Conference.

Stacy is also a Career and Technical Education Center student at the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative in Chicopee, where she is enrolled in the Allied Health/Nursing Assistant Program.

The Collaborative's Career and Technical Education Center is a chapter of V.I.C.A.



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Den 7 Scouts Work Towards Conservation Badge

The boys from Den 7, Pack 77 of St. John's Church are at it again. They've worked together to receive their conservation badge.

In an effort to beautify their town and also honor Memorial Day, they've placed planters by the benches in front of the Agawam Center Cemetery. It will be their responsibility to water and care for them.

The boys would like to thank the Cecchis for donating the geraniums, and the Malones for the soil to plant them in. The planters were purchased out of the den's dues.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend...

Pack 77 To Hold Spring Bottle Drive

Cub Scout Pack 77 will be holding their spring bottle drive on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

All Massachusetts redeemable bottles and cans should be dropped off in St. John's parking lot on Main Street between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The funds raised will be put towards future Pack activities.

IN FRONT OF THE AGAWAM CENTER CEMETERY: Gary Theroux, Brett Barker, Brenton Schiveley, Marcia Barker, Nick Sleich, and Sean Walsh.



ABOVE: Brett Barker gets a lift from Jay Malone. BELOW: Nick Abraham and Brett Barker with Bobby Cecchi and Bobby's nephews.



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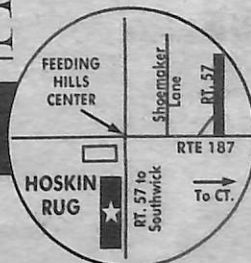
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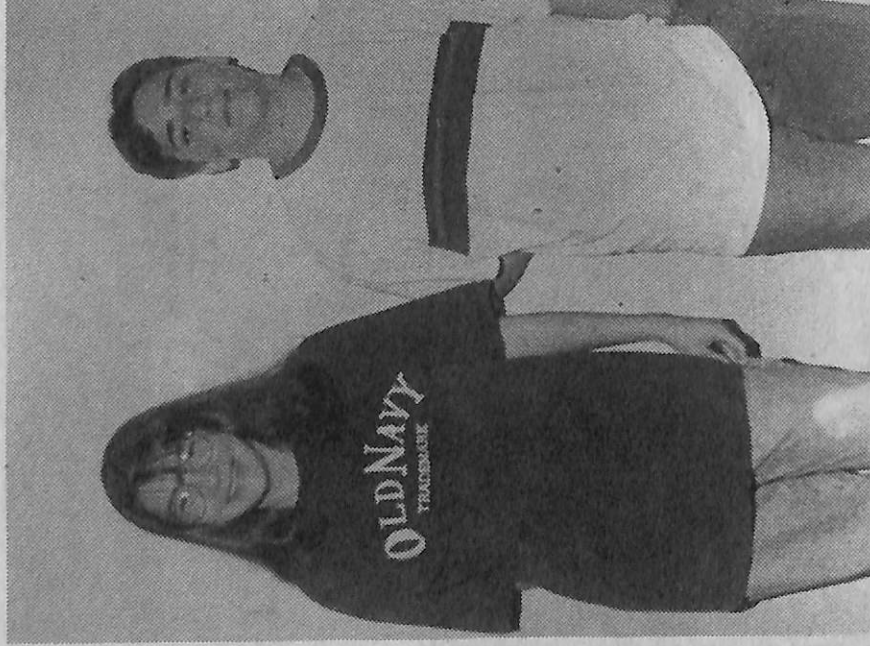
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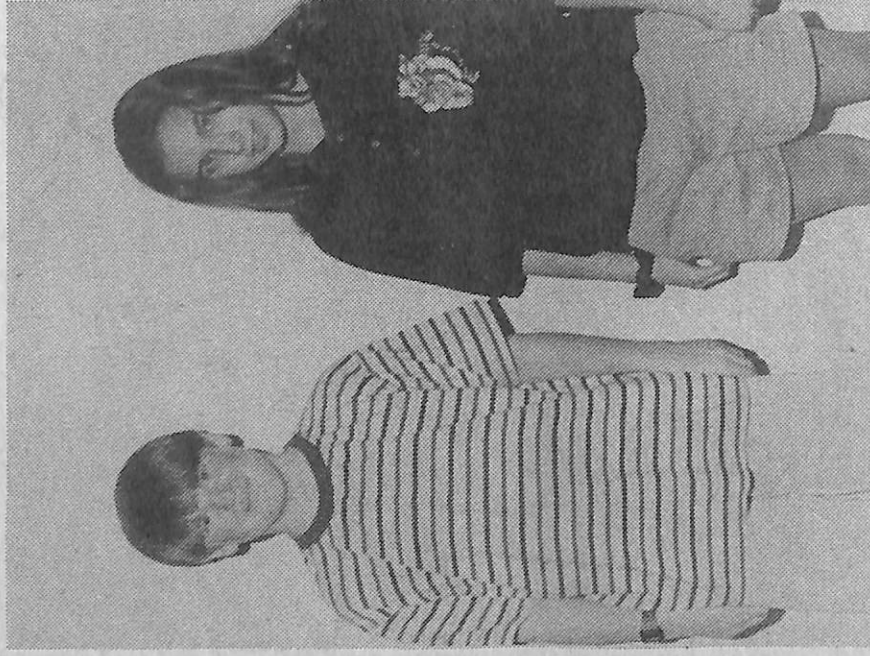
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JACKIE BENNETT (grade eight) and **ANNA CAMYRE** (grade seven), “Art Students of the Month” at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE LATEST “Physical Education Students of the Month” at Agawam Junior High School: **Kelly Cassidy** and **Nathan Patterson**, grade eight; **Michael McGeoghan** and **Nicole Gutowski**, grade seven. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Sports

Brownie Softball (13-2) Sneak Past West Side In Extra Innings, 2-1

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team traveled to West Springfield for another big Division I game Tuesday afternoon. The Brownies were still smarting from a 9-3 loss to then undefeated Amherst last Friday. A win against their long-time rival would get them well again. Agawam did win the Valley League game, 2-1, in eight innings to go 13-2 overall. But it wasn't easy and up to the final out, the issue was still in doubt.

Coach Deb Lickley put junior Lindsay Mason on the hill. Mason, who had been suffering most of the season with a bad back, was coming off a one-hit, 3-0 win against Northampton last Wednesday.

For seven innings, the junior was locked in a pitching duel against the Terriers' Kerry Farrell. While runs were nonexistent for most of the game, there were some tense moments plus some good defensive work by both clubs.

In the first inning, Agawam shortstop Kristen Patterson made a pro-type play, moving to her right with a backhanded stab of a blast to rob West Side's Sara Pope of a sure hit.

Scoring Opportunity Thwarted

In the bottom of the second, West Springfield had runners on second and third when Patterson gobbled up a worm-burner and pegged to first, ending what was a strong scoring opportunity for the opposition.

West Side had another shot in the third. Louise Strouse lofted a deep fly to left that got over Amy Mastroianni's head. The Terrier was thinking triple and was on her way to third. However, along the way, she tripped over second and staggered halfway to the hot corner. The ever-alert Mastroianni saw the plight of the tottering Terrier and pegged the ball to Amber Conte, who was waiting at third to nail Strouse. The next hitter drilled a triple to left. Mason got the next batter to pop to short, ending another West Side threat.

Agawam finally got Mason a run in the fifth. Mastroianni hit a Baltimore chop to short. Dianna DiStefano hit one to short center. The ensuing throw reached second in time, erasing Mastroianni. Freshman Jill Gendron reached on a hit to center, which resulted in runners on first and second. Then, senior Vanessa Galluzzo lofted a sacrifice fly to right that advanced DiStefano to third. Kornelia Moysis drilled a ground ball single up the middle to score DiStefano.

Bases Loaded ... No Outs

Agawam held that tenuous one-run lead until it was last call for West Side in the bottom of the seventh. Mason was facing the heart of the order. A single, a hit batter, and an error saw the bases loaded with no outs. A single brought home the tying Terrier run. The bases were still loaded, West Side didn't have an out to speak of, and the Brownies were in serious trouble of losing it.

Mason grabbed a line shot back to the mound for the first out. She fanned the next Terrier for the huge second out and a pop to left ended the threat to send the game into extra innings.

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TEAM MEMBERS of the 1998 Agawam High girls' varsity softball team. Back row, from left - Alison Jackobek, Lindsay Mason, Dianna DiStefano, Coach Debbie Lickley, Jill Gendron, Kornelia Moysis, Erin Rescigno, Jessica Montagna, and Heidi Benton. Front row -Shauna Hadden, Amy Mastroianni, Kristen Patterson, Steph Fleming, Amber Conte, Vanessa Galluzzo, and Amanda Merola. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High girls' varsity softball team, from left - Shauna Hadden, Amy Mastroianni, Kristen Patterson, Steph Fleming, Amber Conte, and Vanessa Galluzzo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Brownie Laxmen Have Bad Day Against South Hadley

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' lacrosse team fell to South Hadley Tuesday afternoon, 19-1.

Needless to say, Brownie lacrosse Coach Nick St. George was not pleased. "We played very well in the first quarter. We controlled the ball and held our own on defense. Then, for no apparent reason, mentally, everything went away."

Usually, junior Greg Jubinville occupies the net for the Brownies. But on this day, freshman John DeCaro got the call. "John played well with some great saves (21) and good one-on-one work," Coach St. George said of the kid.

Then St. George also noted that several players showed well. Eric Pederson was one of them. "Eric tackled well," he noted. He also singled out sophomore Kevin Grealis. Both kids play defense and are good with the long stick.

Wrestling star Dave Moore also got a share of the praise. "Dave is the toughest kid I've coached," St. George said of the sophomore attacker.

Despite being bummed out, the coach, who is in his second year of coaching the Brownie laxmen, has had many years of experience in the sport. He knows how difficult it is to learn and play well. "Lacrosse has a bright future in Agawam, where youth lacrosse leagues are being developed. We have to be patient," he said of the program, which is only two years-old as a varsity sport.

The Brownies' goal scorer was senior Ryan Grealis.

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Agawam got its second run in the top of the eighth. Patterson singled and went to second on an error. Freshman rightfielder Amanda Merola stepped to the plate. She squared and laid a soft bunt down the first base line. Patterson was off with the pitch. The play was at first and Patterson was bearing down on the plate. The throw came into the catcher after the out at first, but Patterson slid to her right and avoided the tag.

Agawam had a new pitcher in the bottom of the inning, junior Ali Jakobek. There were two outs in the bottom of the inning. Pope, who'd been hit by a pitch, was on third. Her lead was a little too strong.

Brownie catcher Dianna DiStefano saw Conte breaking to the bag and threw, hitting Pope. Conte grabbed the bank shot and the Terrier was between the rock and the hard place. She broke for home and Conte made the throw. DiStefano laid down the tag and the game was over.

Later, Lickley would shake her head. "We're not doing out pitcher any justice. We have to get them more runs," she said of her 13-2 club. West Side went to 12-4.

BROWNIE STATS: Patterson - 2-4 rs, 1 sb; Merola - 0-3, 1 rbi; Fleming - 1-3, 1 sb; Conte - 0-4; Mastroianni - 1-3; DiStefano - 1-3, 1 rs; Gendron - 0-3; Galluzzo - 0-2; Moysis - 2-3, 1 rbi.

PITCHING: Mason - 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 SO, 1.00; Jakobek (w) - 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO, 0.00 ERA.

FRESHMAN SOFTBALL - The freshmen played Minnechaug Tuesday and came away with a 17-9 win. Laura Bucalo had two homeruns. Danielle Bachini pitched well according to Coach Al Quinn. He also singled out the defensive play of Caitlyn Conte and Jen Pietroniro. The freshmen are now 12-0.

Brownie Girls' Lacrosse Look To Tournament



DESPITE TWO RECENT LOSSES to perennial schoolgirl lacrosse power Longmeadow, the Agawam High girls' lacrosse team remains one of the area's top teams and are looking forward to the upcoming state tournament. Team members include, back row, from left - Caroline Scherpa, Sara Prussman, Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, Kara Barnes, Lauren Kida, Jen McGuire, and Shelley Rose. Middle row - Pam Gervais, Brenna McGinn, Heather Hughes, Nikita Reshamwala, Christina Gregory, Sheri Benton, Ann Paquette, Amanda Sternowski, Katie Shannon, and Coach Cindy Grieve. Seated - Jill DeMarco, Lindy Gage, Sara Drenzek, Cheryl Lanier, and Alison Pratt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CLASS OF 1998 members of the Agawam High girls' varsity lacrosse team. From left - Lindy Gage, Sara Drenzek, Jill DeMarco, Cheryl Lanier, and Alison Pratt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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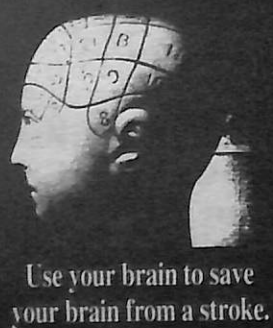
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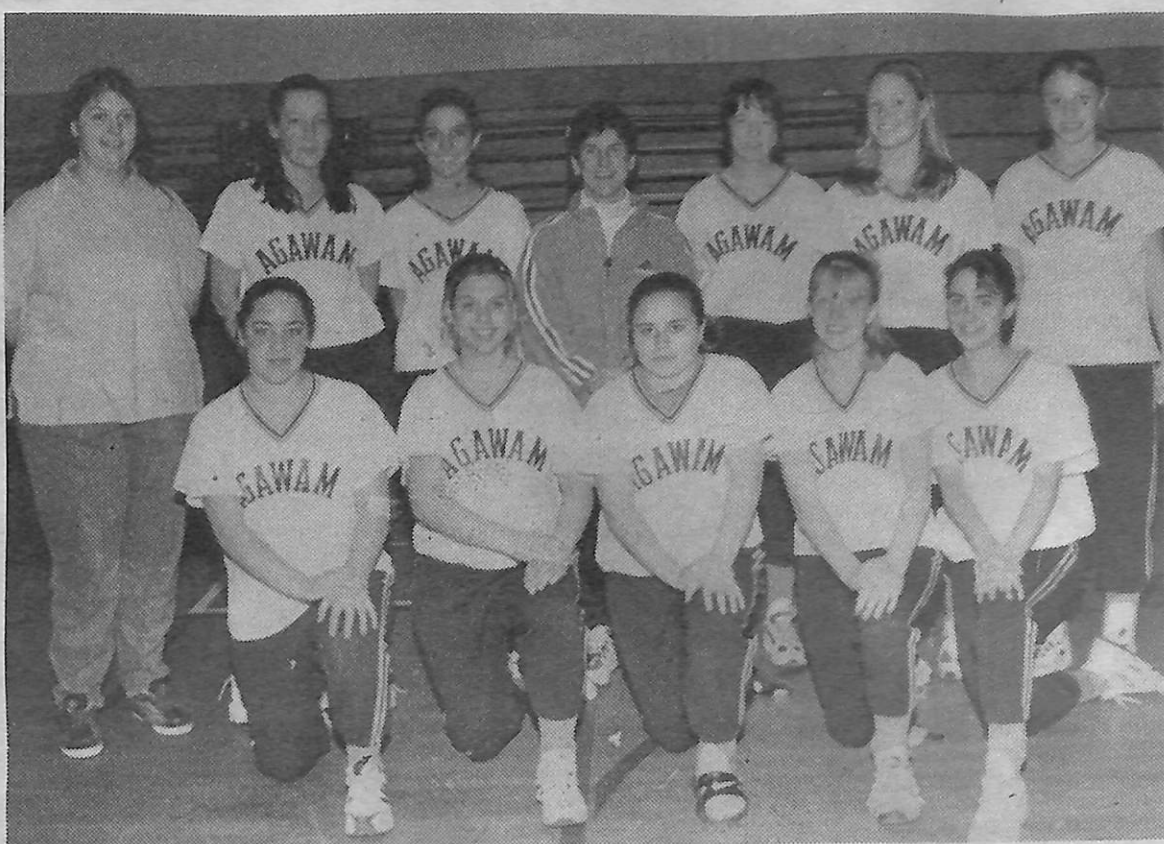
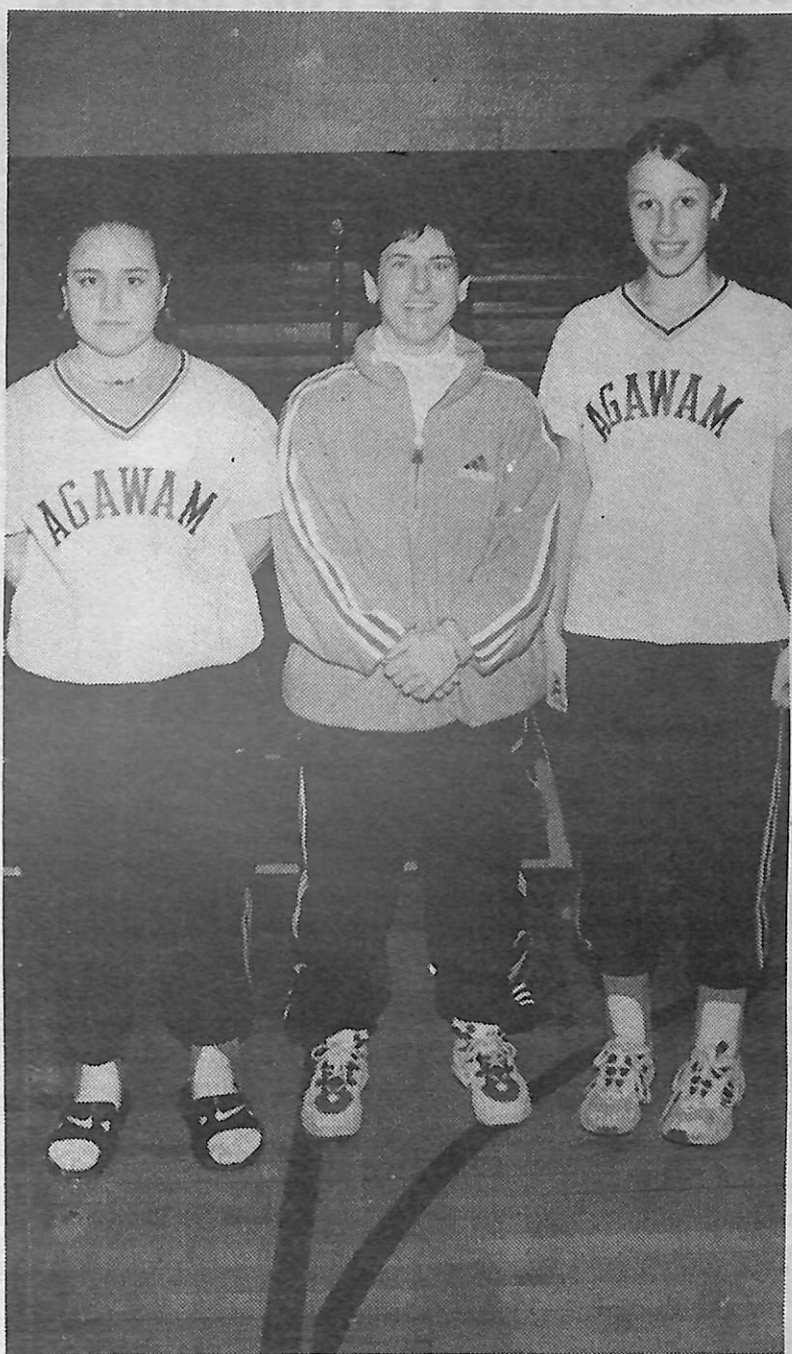


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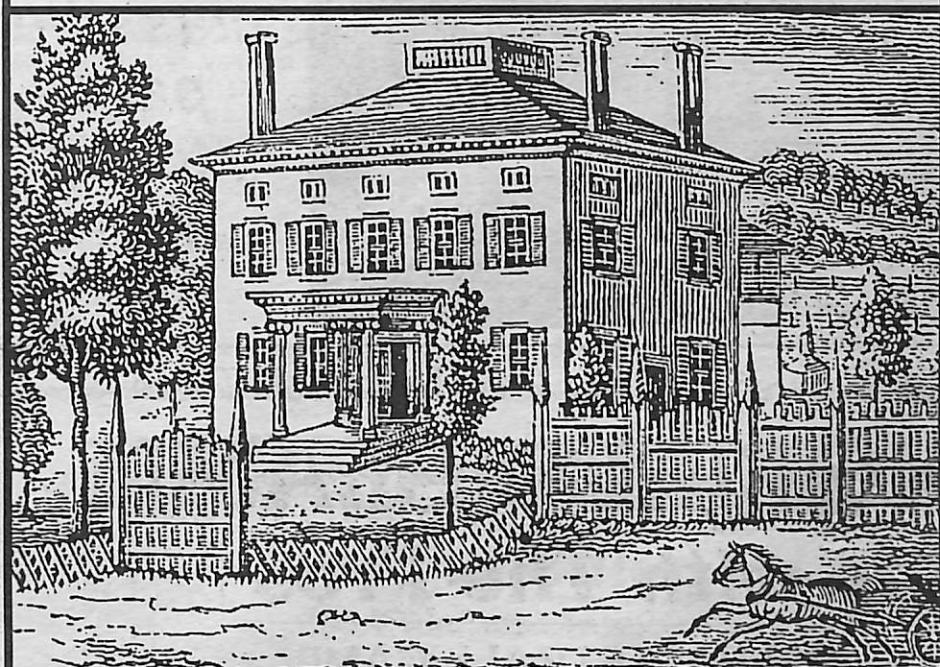
Brownie JV Girls' Softball Having Banner Season



THE AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM is 13-1 at presstime following a win over West Springfield on Tuesday. Team captains Jen Burke (left) and Jen Lyman are pictured with Coach Lynda Kunasek. Team members are, from left - Libby Sussman (team manager), Nathalie Ryman, Amanda "Noni" Galluzzo, Coach Lynda Kunasek, Terri Cimme, Camilla Ringvold, and Jen Lyman. Front row - Amanda Tilden, Diane Balicki, Jen Burke, Kate Chmura, and Tiffany Scaife. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Brownie Track Outdueled By Holyoke, 77-59

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' track team lost a Valley League meet to Holyoke, 77-59, Monday afternoon. Again for the Brownies, it was more a series of individual performances rather than overall success. For, as it has been all year, they may not grab first but many of them place.

Junior Jason Flood was third in the long jump at 17'5½". Peter Bitzas took a second in the high jump with a leap of 5'11". "It was Peter's best jump of the year," Brownie track Coach Bill Dillon noted.

Bitzas won the triple jump, covering 39'8¾". Flood was third, spanning 37'8". Mike Lovely was second in the shot with a heave of 37'2½". Junior Marc Pedraza was third. Pedraza came back in the discus with a first at 114'. Justin Mercieri was third (a foot shorter).

The Brownies' Kevin Hill won the javelin, chucking the spear 143'.

On the track, Mike Thomas took a third in the two-mile. The freshman ran a time of 11:39. He's done much better. "The day was hot. Our guys have to get used to the hot weather," Dillon said.

It was a torrid contest in the high hurdles. All-Western Mass. performer Ian Lane of Agawam was first in 15.3. It was his fastest time of the season. It had to be — the Knights' Rafael Santos was second by a fourth of a second. The Brownies' Josh Sprague was third in 18.9. Of Lane, Dillon said, "Ian is still recovering from a back injury, but he's starting to look good."

Sophomore Barry Ward grabbed a second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.8. Another sophomore, Edwin Torres, was third in 11.9. The mile saw a milestone, at least for now. Sophomore Tony Goodrow ran a 5:25, his best ever, to finish third.

Agawam won the 4x100 behind the team of Lane, Bitzas, Brad Tilden, and Torres. Mike Torres was second in the 400 meters at 55.9. Junior Mike O'Connor came in third with a time of 58.4. Jason Gagne, a junior, took second in the 300-meter hurdles. According to Dillon, his time of 45.4 was the best Gagne has ever run. Adam Sprague finished third at 47.2.

Perhaps the most exciting race of the afternoon showed up in the 800 meters. Dave Thomas was in a drag race at the end. He outleaned his Holyoke opponent to win in 2:17.4. It was so close that everyone was on afterburners. Junior Rich Rodriguez was third at 2:17.6. Brad Tilden finished second in the 200 meters with a time of 23.8.

Dillon had this observation on the conditions of the track facilities at Holyoke Community College (HCC), where the meet was held: "Whoever designed it obviously didn't know anything about track and field. The distances are all wrong. The coaches have to take time to figure out just where to place their markers."

Agawam fell to 3-4. Holyoke went to 4-2-1.

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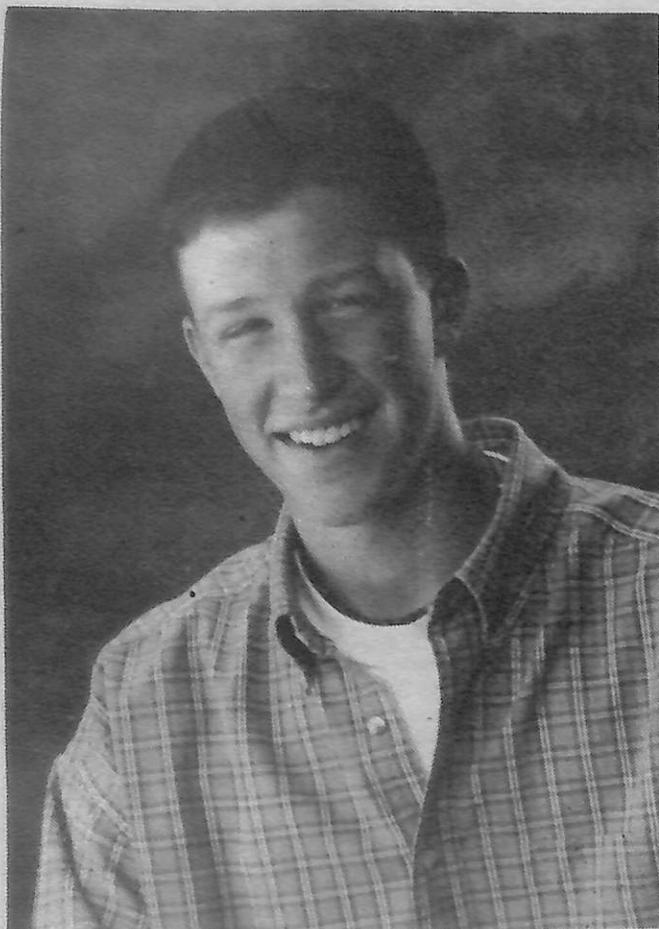
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JEFF LYMAN

Hard Work Ethic, Steady Play Tell The Lyman Story

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Jeff Lyman plays tennis for Agawam High School. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his time at AHS.

Lyman turned 18 May 1st. He stands 6'2" tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has spent four productive years at the High School.

Currently, as Lyman gets ready to graduate, he's taking physics, introduction to calculus, anatomy and physiology, essay writing, and contemporary U.S. history. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years. He laughed and said his favorite class is study hall. His favorite teacher is Arthur Gage.

In the fall, Lyman will be heading south to the University of Hartford on an academic scholarship. Right now, he's not sure what his major will be.

Lyman has played tennis for three years, as well as basketball and soccer. He is currently the number one singles player on the tennis team with a career match record of 31-16. But he'll tell you his top sports moment was making the varsity basketball team last winter. "I like basketball the best. But I'm better at tennis," he said.

Once at the University of Hartford, Jeff says he'll take a shot at making their tennis team.

As for the progress of the 1998 AHS boys' tennis team, Lyman feels they had high hopes to start, but some inexperience has hurt them here and there. He still looks forward to the team making the Western Mass. Tournament, however.

What's his favorite food? "Anything edible," he smiled.

Blue is his top hue and any car will do.

Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls is his top athlete. The Bulls and the Boston Celtics are his top teams.

He really has no place he likes to hang out. But Lyman has expensive taste in clothes - as in Nautica, Structure, Polo, and Ralph Lauren.

Rap and R&B top his list of tunes.

He has no favorite TV show, but he favors a flick called "Friday," starring Chris Tucker.

His mom's name is Diana. David is his dad's name. He has a brother, Matt, who is in the sixth grade. His sister, Jennifer, is a sophomore at AHS and plays softball, soccer, and basketball.

Lyman says he looks up to his father because he's a role model.

When his days are done at AHS, Lyman would like to be remembered as someone who gave his all at whatever he did.

Boys' tennis Coach Bill Spear had this to say of the number one singles player: "Jeff has worked hard to get to where he is. He's a good kid and a tough competitor."

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Alumni Track Meet At Agawam High On Sunday, May 24th

The **First Annual Alumni Track Meet** is set for this Sunday, May 24th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (with registration at 12:30 p.m.) at the Agawam High School Track Field. The cost is \$3 per alumni, resident athlete, and general admission.

Tickets will be available on the day of the meet. Student tickets are \$2 (with student I.D.), and admission is free for seniors.

Come out and support the Agawam High School boys'/girls' track teams as they compete against former track athletes, other high school students, and residents.

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For the girls' 10-12 try-outs, the time will be at 4:00 p.m. on both days. Call Nancy Cullen at 789-0789 or Tom Borsari at 789-4691 for more information.

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AHS Boys' Tennis Have Tough Time Vs. Central

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' tennis team lost to Central, 4-1, Monday afternoon at the High School. While overall it wasn't a particularly good showing for the 5-7 team, one match was a gem. It came in first singles. Senior Jeff Lyman took on the Golden Eagles' highly-regarded Dahafir Jihad. Jihad had beaten Lyman in their last two meetings and is one of the best singles players in Western Mass. Lyman wanted revenge. He almost got it before falling 7-6 (8-6), 3-6, 7-6 (6-3).

The first set was a battle of good topspin forehands. It was two games all after four games. Jihad had the bigger swing, though, and won the fifth game on a backhand volley. Lyman came back on the strength of his serve to tie it at 3-3 all.

Jihad led 5-3 on a service break. Lyman broke back and won his serve to tie it at 5-5. A game apiece made it 6-6 and brought up the tiebreaker. It went to 7-6 before Lyman hit one into the net to give the Golden Eagle the first set.

Lyman's New Pace Confuses Opponent

Lyman sucked it up in the second set. In the first, he'd managed only 38 percent (13-34) on his first serve, but 80 percent (17-21) on his second, so he took something off his first service. Jihad, who was 13-28 (46 percent) on his first serve and 15-17 (88 percent) on his second in the first set, was confused by the new pace displayed by the Brownie. His returns became tentative and Lyman benefitted.

Also, Lyman's volleys showed more confidence and his ground strokes, especially off his backhand, had more authority. His service was about the same - 14-36 (38 percent) and 11-14 (78 percent) but the placement was more thoughtful. Jihad answered with an 11-27 (40 percent), 10-13 (76 percent) total. Lyman took the set, 6-3.

Lyman had a 4-2 lead in the third set. Jihad scratched his way back, however, with some effective first serves off a good percentage, 32-52 (61 percent). Though Lyman was being aggressive, his first serve percentage, 20-41 (48 percent), didn't help him.

At 6-5, Lyman was serving to stay in the match. He did - with an ace and a volley-winner to send it into another tiebreaker, which the Golden Eagle won, this time 6-3.

The Brownies, aside from Lyman's exciting battle, lost their other singles matches. Ted Lee, at number two, fell to Matt Dawson, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6. Jon Couture lost his number three singles contest to Mohammed Borhat, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The number one doubles team of Bob Bousquet and Jeff Machia prevented a shutout by easily winning their match, 6-0 and 6-2. Second doubles saw a Brownie loss.

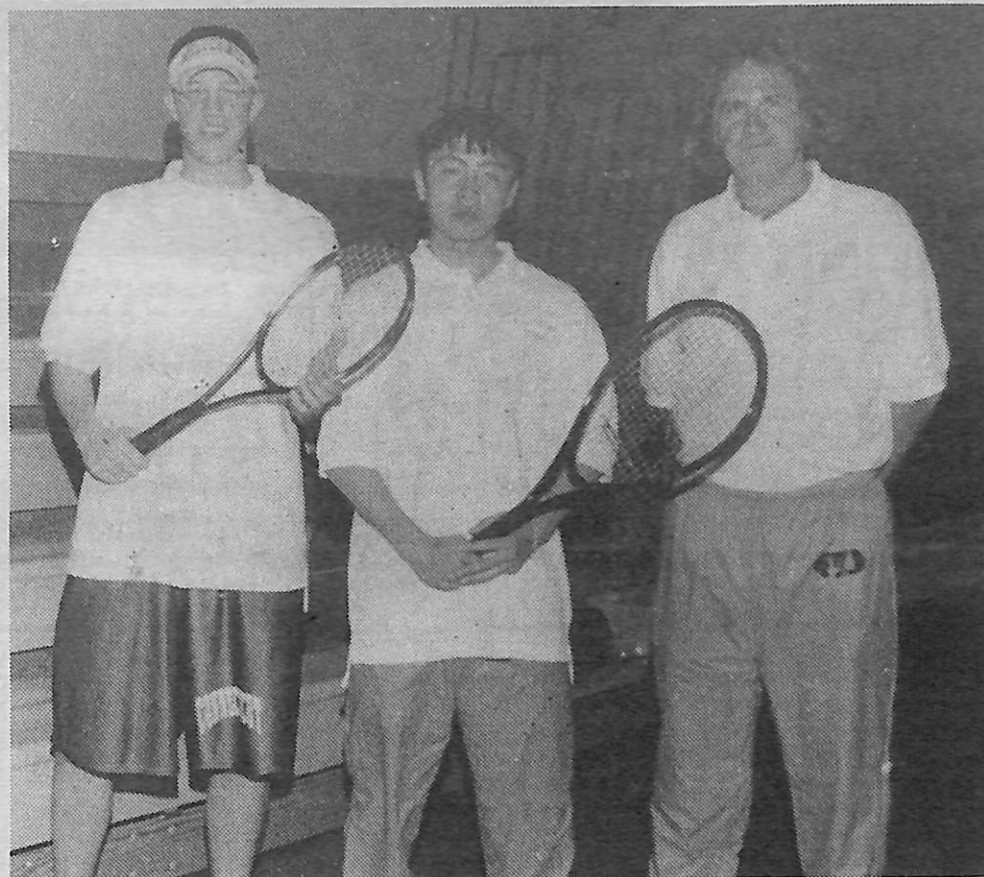
Two players who have figured big for the Brownies this season were no-shows, Mike Halpy and Brett Demers. No explanation was given.

Later, Brownies' Coach Bill Spear shook his head. AHS had beaten Central at its place, 3-2, earlier in the year. "Well, we should still be in the tournament," he smiled.

But it was obvious the loss wouldn't help their seeding.



MEMBERS OF THE 1998 Agawam High boys' varsity tennis team. Back row, from left - Tom Livengood, Jon Couture, Bob Bousquet, Jeff Machia, and Geoff Krapf. Front row - Brian Cote, Jeff Lyman, Ted Lee, Mike Krapf, and Coach Bill Spear. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COACH BILL SPEAR and his two senior captains of the 1998 Agawam High boys' tennis team - Jeff Lyman (left) and Ted Lee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Brian St. Jean On Again As AHS Continues To Roll (14-3)

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High School athletic trainer Dave Stratton might have best described last Friday's contest between Agawam and visiting Holyoke High. "You know, this game was really enjoyable to watch," he smiled. Indeed it was.

And not just because Agawam won, 7-4. Both highly-regarded, Division I clubs showcased a little bit of everything which makes baseball enjoyable — big and timely hitting, speed on the base paths, big strikeouts, good defense (only two errors), gutsy pitching, and gusty coaching.

Fortunately for the Brownies, they offered up a little bit more of those qualities than the Purple Knights.

Ace Brian St. Jean got the call. He was out to reverse the Brownies' one-game losing streak (6-5 to Central High the previous day). He set the side in the first with the help of a throw from his brother, catcher Andy St. Jean, to shortstop Jay Hanscom as they nailed the lead-off runner who reached on an error.

The bottom of the first saw Agawam score twice. Mike Wing singled up the middle. Austin Kimball walked. Ryan Progulske loaded them up with another single. With two outs and the bases full, third baseman Kevin Cornwell slapped a Texas-leaguer to right-center, driving in Wing and Kimball.

Agawam took a 2-0 lead into the second. St. Jean set the Knights down in order. The Brownies also failed to score. After a lead-off double, St. Jean got Holyoke in order in the third. Kimball led off Agawam's half of the third with a triple to left. Progulske singled him home.

St. Jean took a 3-0 lead into the fourth and ran into a problem. The sophomore gave up two straight doubles, one of them a ground rule job that crawled under the fence in right center. Then he surrendered a run-scoring single and was facing a no-out situation with a man on second. It was gut check time for the young pitcher. His lead had shriveled to 3-2.

Coach Peter Clark stayed with him and had this simple explanation later on: "He's my ace. I have complete confidence in Brian, as do the kids who play behind him." Clark's call paid off. St. Jean punched out the next two Knights, gave up a walk, and fanned the next hitter to get out of the jam.

St. Jean's mates got two back in the bottom of the fourth. Hanscom dribbled one back to the mound and legged out an infield hit. Brady Martin singled to short left. Wing came up with one out and two on. Winger drove a ball to left that turned into a triple. The two runs he drove in made it 5-2, Brownies.

Neither side could do any damage in the fifth. Holyoke made a run at the lead in the top of the sixth. St. Jean walked the first man up. Then Marcus Humber, of Holyoke High football fame, stepped in and drilled a frozen rope to deep center. O'Quinn, aware of the big guy's power, was playing somewhere near downtown Springfield. O'Quinn almost made a circus catch. As it was, the two-run home run tightened things up at 5-4.

AHS Went Back To Work In The Sixth...

Agawam didn't become one of the best boys' baseball teams in Western Mass. this year by mailing in the score. This veteran-laden team bowed their necks and went back to work in the bottom of the sixth.

With one out, Hanscom got his second single of the afternoon and promptly stole second, then stole third. There were two outs when Wing drew a walk and stole second. Kimball was next. The big senior stung a ball down the leftfield line, which ended up being a two-run double to go along with the triple he hit back in the third inning. That would end the Brownies' scoring.

St. Jean shut the Knights down in the seventh to claim his sixth win of the season against no losses. Agawam's record at the time went to 13-3 and 3-1 in the Valley League. Holyoke dropped to 12-2 and 2-1 in the Valley League.

BROWNIE STATS: Martin — 2-4, 1 rs; Wing — 2-3 (triple), 2 rbi, 2 rs, 1 sb; Kimball — 2-3 (triple, double), 2 rbi, 2 rs; Progulske — 2-4, 1 rbi; O'Quinn — 0-3, 1 sb; Cornwell — 1-2, 2 rbi; Machos — 0-3; A. St. Jean — 0-3; Hanscom — 2-3, 2 rs.

PITCHING: St. Jean — 7 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 8 SO, 4.00 ERA.

BROWNIE NOTES: Agawam rose to 14-3, 4-1 with a 7-2 win over Cathedral Monday afternoon at AIC. Bryan O'Quinn got the win with a three-hitter. Jay Hanscom continues to swing a hot bat (2-3).

JV BASEBALL:

Last Friday, the JV's beat the previously unbeaten Holyoke JV's, 8-5, at Harmon Smith Field. Scott Harlin pitched the first five innings. Shawn Biebel pitched the final two. Agawam had 10 hits, and Harlin and Joe DiVirgilio had three

apiece. Mike Carney had two hits and played solid defense.

On Monday afternoon, they beat the Cathedral JV's, 17-4. Matt Albano pitched and won. The JV record went to 12-4.

FRESHMAN BASEBALL:

Last Thursday, the freshmen beat East Longmeadow, 13-0. Marc Barcomb went four innings and gave up one hit, struck out seven, and didn't walk a hitter. Lou Conte and Mike Cook had three hits apiece.

On Friday at Holyoke, the frosh came away with a 5-1 win. Ben Lapins pitched a complete game, striking out 10 and giving up five hits with no walks. Of the 95 pitches he threw, 75 were strikes.

They beat Cathedral, 10-3, on Monday afternoon. The game was highlighted by a five-run fourth inning for the young Brownies. The freshman record stands at 8-4 at presstime.

Annual Gymnastics Show On May 28th At Spfld. Turnverein

If you like gymnastics, then the Springfield Turnverein Club is the place to be on Thursday, May 28th, at 7:00 p.m.

The Club, located at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills, will be holding its Annual Gymnastics Show, featuring club gymnasts from pre-school to high school who will perform a wide assortment of gymnastics routines they've practiced hard all throughout the year — including a special "Titanic" production you won't want to miss!

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Riverside Speedway To Induct Latest "Hall Of Famers"

Although it had been relatively dormant for the last 25 years, the Riverside Park Speedway Hall of Fame is alive and well in Riverside Park Speedway's golden anniversary.

On May 23rd, Riverside Park will honor the following 10 people by inducting them to the Riverside Park Speedway Hall of Fame: former promoter Harvey Tattersall, Jr., founder Edward Carroll, Sr., car owner Beebe Zalinski, car owner Leo Matte, driver Ray Miller, driver Stan Greger, former announcer Tom Galon, driver John Rosati, driver Dick Dixon, and driver John Lobo, Sr.

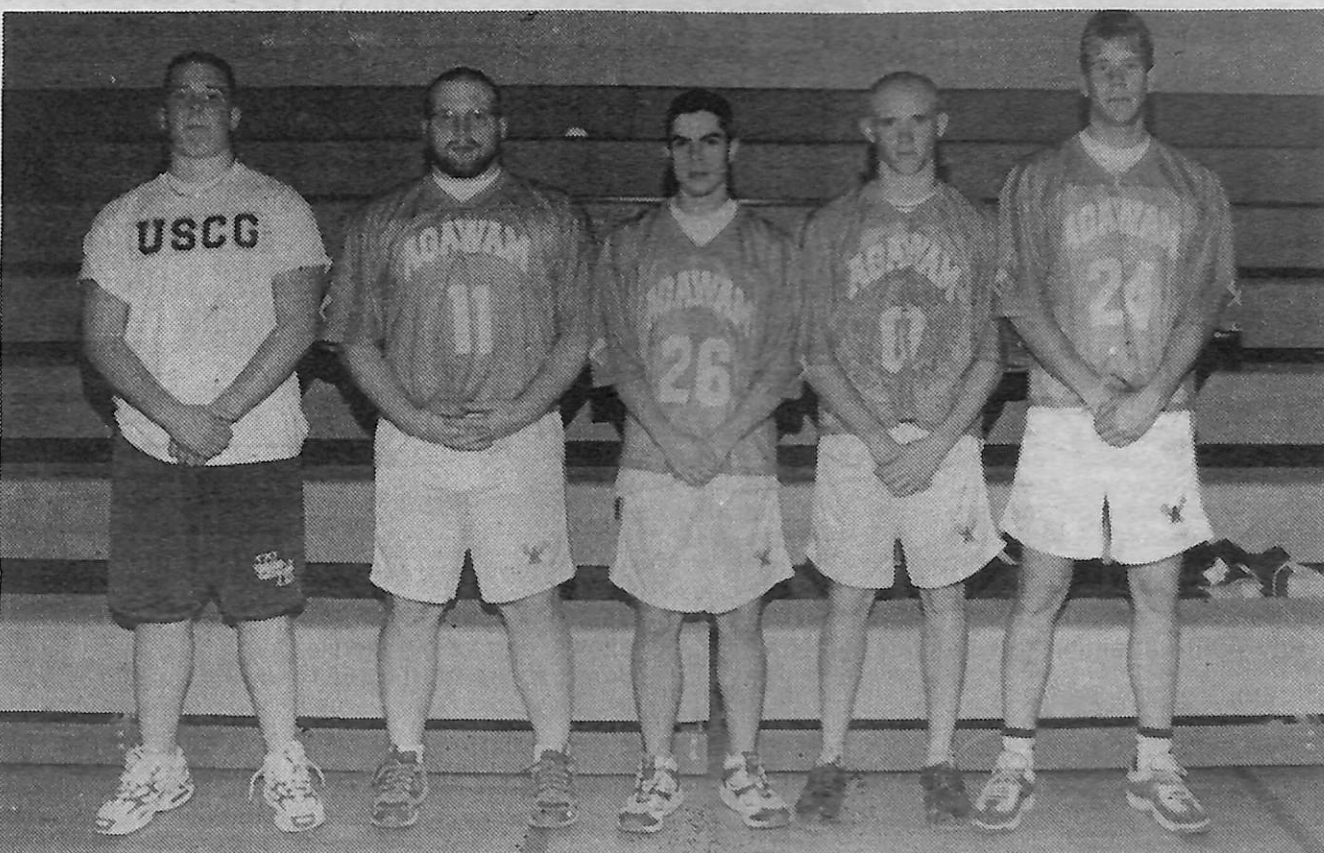
What began as a collection of track champions has been brought out of mothballs to help Riverside Park celebrate its 50th year of auto racing. The existing Hall of Fame members are Ted Tappett, Ray Brown, Benny Germano, Jocko Moggiacomo, Jerry Humiston, Ed Flemke, Buddy Krebs, Gene Bergin, Danny Galullo, Ed Patnode, Bill Greco, Bob Stefanik, and SJ Evonsion.

The 1998 inductees will be honored with a short ceremony on Saturday, May 23rd in conjunction with the Bud Riverside 500. The 1998 inductees were chosen by the Riverside Park Speedway 50th Anniversary Committee.

The AHS Boys' 1998 Lacrosse Team...



MEMBERS OF THE Agawam High School boys' 1998 lacrosse team with their coaches. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE SENIOR PLAYERS on this year's boys' lacrosse team at AHS (from left to right): Chris Gaffney, George Graves, John Cordis, Ryan Grealis, and Simon Tyrberg. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Outdoors New England

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Outdoor Writer

Shad: The Poor Man's Atlantic Salmon

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If a fish does not eat, then how does one catch it? The answer is really quite simple. In their single-minded quest to fulfill nature's strongest urge, they will strike out or slash at anything that gets in their way, including such things as shad darts.

The shad dart is a lead-bodied jig with a hair tail. They come in a variety of color combinations and weights. Effective depth control and the right color combinations are essential to successfully connecting with these sleek, powerful fish.

The dart is cast across the current or at a slight angle downstream. By keeping the rod tip high and slowly reeling, the dart should be allowed to sweep downstream a couple of feet off the bottom.

Encountering an intruder in their path, the shad will often hook themselves on the dart and the hit is hard and positive. Sometimes, however, they will barely tap the dart, and the angler will not even be aware that his dart has been hit.

Keeping a taught line and paying attention to the feel of the current against your dart can alert you to even the softest of hits. Sometimes you may notice that one angler hooks up continually while the rest of the crowd goes fishless.

Pay polite attention to what this fisherman is doing. In addition to noting the size and color of his dart and whether or not he is using any additional weight such as a split shot or two, watch his retrieve.

When the fish are not in an actively aggressive mood, it is possible to have a fish approach your offering, mouth it, and spit it out, defying your detection. As the current exerts a drag on your dart and a slight pressure is exerted on your rod, be acutely aware of that pressure which you feel.

Agawam Police Dept. To Hold Bike Safety Rodeo This Saturday

The Agawam Police Department will sponsor a Bike Safety Rodeo on Saturday, May 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Agawam High School.

Children of all ages will receive a certificate of completion for riding a rodeo course, and parents will have the opportunity to purchase an ANSI-approved bike helmet for their children for \$8. Currently, Massachusetts law requires that riders 12 years of age and under must wear an approved safety helmet when riding a bike.

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Shad have very tender mouths, and too much pressure will cause the hook to tear out. Light lines and a reel with a dependable drag will increase your angling success.

As water levels drop and current speed falls off, use smaller and lighter weight darts. In deeper holes or swift current, use heavier darts. A trick to remember when current and water are high is to trim back the hair tied on the dart as a tail. The hair provides buoyancy and drag. If you need to get the dart deeper, trim the hair back to the bend of the hook. If the fish are striking lightly or "hitting short," try removing the hair altogether. This reduces the overall size of the dart and will let them zero in on the business end of the dart, rather than the hair dressing.

Shore-bound anglers can score just as well as boat fishermen if they use some common sense to selecting location. Look for areas of faster-moving water. The areas behind bridge abutments provide current breaks where the fish can rest momentarily before charging upstream. The abutments also cause the water to accelerate as it passes around the obstruction.

Fast water, which is just above deeper holes, can also yield the right combinations for success. Let the lure sweep through the fast water and settle into the deeper holes downstream. It is important to remember that these fish are on the move. Periods of no action can come to an abrupt halt when another school of fish pass through an area.

In Massachusetts, popular spots include the areas just below the Holyoke Dam, on both the Holyoke and South Hadley sides of the river. The mouth of the Chicopee River, as well as the area of the Chicopee River just below the falls, are time-honored locations. The area of the bubbler near the boat launch at Bondi's Island, the mouth of the Mill River in Springfield, as well as the stretch of the Westfield River that lies below the dam at the site of the old mills in West Springfield, are proven producers.

In Connecticut, the same applies to the Farmington River below the Rainbow Dam. Local convention on the Farmington River near Bart's Store is to use elongated sinkers and a willow leaf set up. The water here is fairly deep. The heavy weights are used to bring the willow leaf rig close to the bottom. Further upriver, where the water shallows, darts are effective.

Boat anglers on the main body of the Connecticut River can have an absolute field day. The area below the Enfield Dam can be tricky to navigate, but will yield some really fast action. A state-controlled shad fishing area on the Suffield side of the river is provided for anglers to enjoy. The special area is located at the end of Canal Street on Route 5, just downstream of the Rt. 190 bridge between Enfield and Suffield.

In Massachusetts, the area between the Holyoke Dam and the Rt. 91 bridge can resemble a

nautical traffic jam. On a nice weekend, you could almost walk across the river by stepping from boat deck to boat deck.

When approaching the anchored fleet of boats, use some common sense and courtesy. Keep in mind that most of these fishermen will have lines trailing behind the boats at a considerable distance. The swifter current may give you some anchoring problems, so don't shut off the outboard motor until you are sure that the anchor is holding. Being swept downstream, anchor dragging, colliding with other anchored boats, and fouling lines will not endear you to your fellow anglers.

Above all, unless you are very familiar with the narrow channel that cuts the rapids between the Rt. 116 bridge and the Holyoke Dam, don't even think about it. As the water level recedes, it would be doubtful as to whether passage beyond the Rt. 391 bridge should be attempted.

A generous bag limit of six shad a day should be more than enough to stock the freezer for those who enjoy this tasty but rather body fish. Remember that this is a resource that relies on sufficient numbers of spawning fish. Gently release your fish to complete nature's cycle and preserve this wonderful fishery for future thrills.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Valley lakes and ponds are producing bass and trout. The bass are bedding in most of the warmer waters or are preparing to begin spawning.

Trout are moving into deeper water, and downrigging or wire lining is the way to go.

The big news from the Connecticut River is not the fabulous smallmouth action, not the shad run, but the abundance of large stripers. Plugs such as the five-inch and seven-inch Mambo Minnows in olive and silver/black back are taking nice fish. The most consistent action is coming on live herring.

From the Holyoke Dam down through Windsor, Connecticut, the trick is to drift the herring through the rocky shallows.

Shad are hitting well, with the usual hot spots producing great fun on light tackle and fly rods.

SALT WATER

Party boats are reporting better success with larger cod, pollack, and hake. Throw in an occasional wolffish and chances for a good mixed bag are good.

Fluke trips are getting underway shortly, as the toothy cousin of the flounder moves inshore. Traditional spots such as Misquamicut and deep reefs are producing some nice fish already.

Tautog are being taken in areas of muscle beds and other rocky areas.

Stripers are showing up everywhere. Schoolies are catchable virtually everywhere, with some real nice keeper bass thrown in for good measure. You don't have to travel any farther than the Connecticut River to find keeper-size fish!

Bluefish have not shown in any numbers, but rumors persist that some choppers have been taken near the mouth of the Connecticut River.

Operation Friendship Announces Volleyball Tournament For Saturday, May 30th

The Feeding Hills Chapter of Operation Friendship will be having a Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, May 30th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

This event will be held at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

Operation Friendship is a youth cultural exchange program organized to encourage interna-

tional friendship and understanding. This summer, the Feeding Hills Chapter will have five travelers to Scotland, three to Northern Ireland, and one to Holland. All monies raised at this tournament will be used to meet their travel expenses.

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PROMOTING THE UPCOMING AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION Clean Air Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 4th are, from left - Ron Severt from Riverside Park, Ed Plante, Don Rheault, Gene Allard, Mario Sakellis (Lung Association's executive director), and Mike Ostrowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lung Association Getting Ready For Tournament With Riverside Park

The popular American Lung Association Clean Air Golf Tournament, now in its seventh year, has a new major sponsor, Riverside Park.

The tournament, which fields 150 golfers, will be held on Thursday, June 4th at Shaker Farms. Tee time is at 11:30 a.m. with registration starting at 10:00 a.m. Following the tournament, the players and guests will have dinner at the new Riverside Picnic Grove followed by use of the park

facilities.

Individual ticket and corporate tickets are available for those who do not golf, but wish to attend the park and picnic. Rich Tettemer, TV22 Sports Director, will join the activities for that day.

For more information on the Lung Association Day at Riverside Park, call 737-3506. All proceeds will be used to provide asthma education programs.

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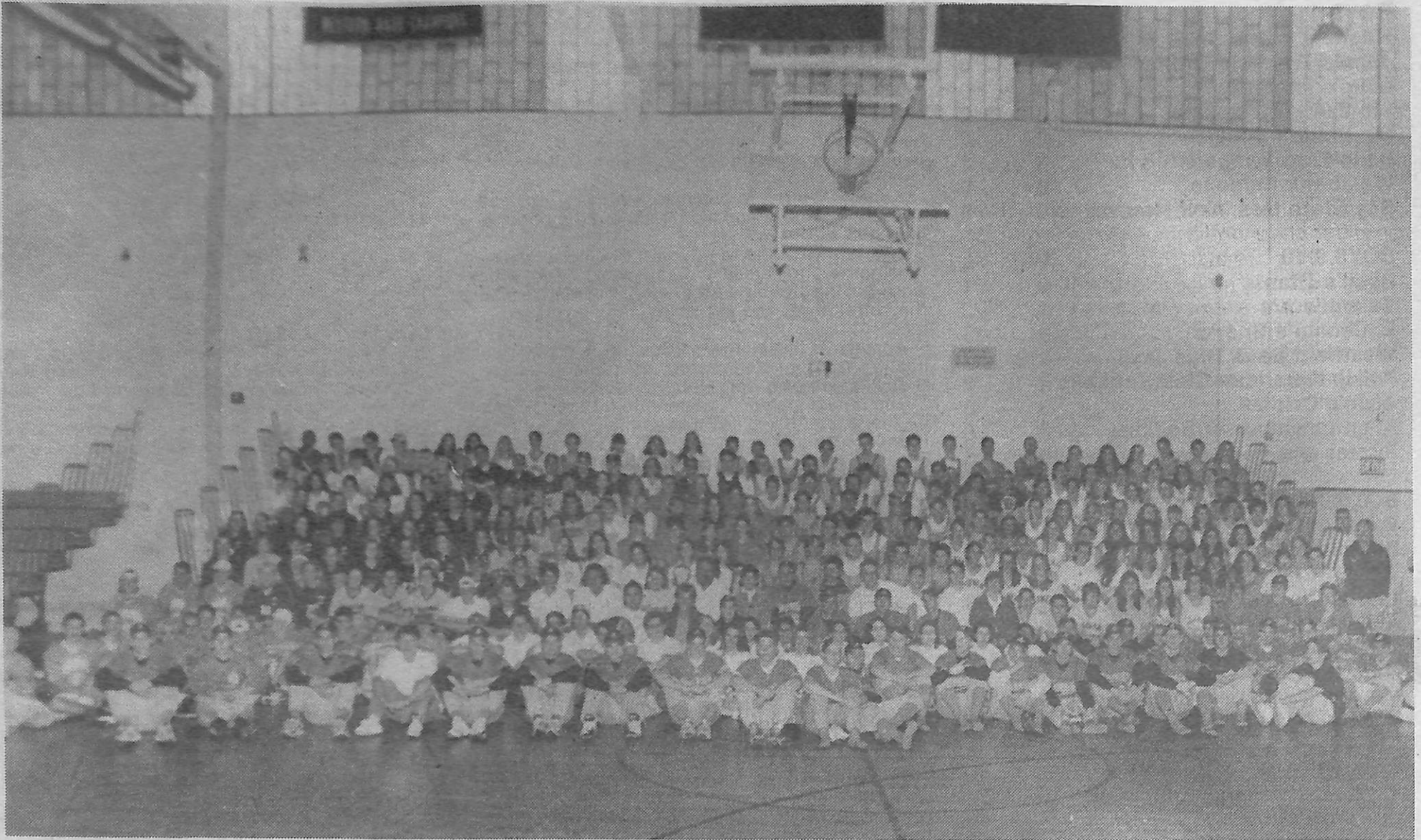
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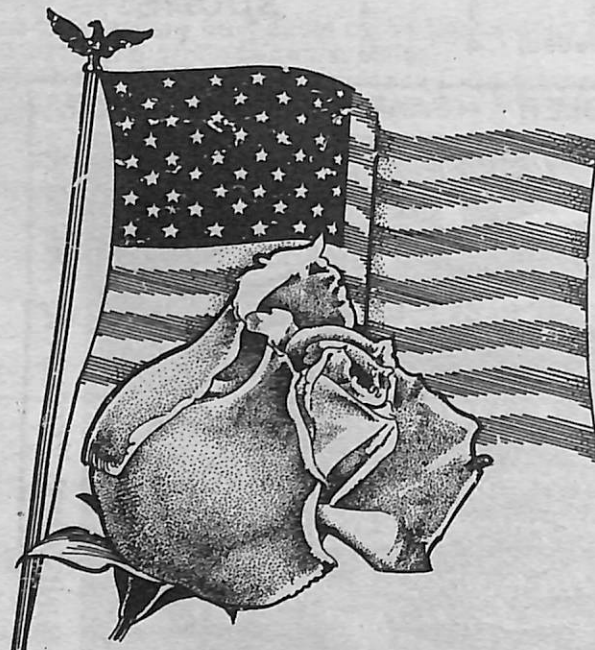
ALL THE KIDS AND ALL THE COACHES who are currently participating in the 1998 Spring Sports Season for Agawam High School gathered for a huge group picture on Media Day last month. Many of the varsity teams are heading for the tournaments in their respective sports to be held later this month and into June. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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BOYS 11-12	W	L
Hastie's White Sox	2	4
John's Trucking Orioles	4	0
Luigi's Athletics	4	0
Fitness First Rockies	3	2
Mr. Phipp's Phillies	0	5
Sand Trap Rangers	3	2
Westbank Falcons	3	0
Bay State Gas Wolf Hounds	0	6
BOYS 9-10	W	L
Reed's Giants	2	1
Valenti's A's	1	2
E. Cecchi's Sharks	0	4
Westfield Bank Blue Jays	2	1
Polish American Club Rangers	2	2
Alvin's Orioles	3	0
Allen Lawnmower Rockies	3	0
Pirates (Sponsor Needed)	0	3
BOYS 7-8 (DPL)	W	L
V & F Auto's Green	2	2
Blimpie Subs' Orange	2	3
Walnut Cleaners' R. Blue	3	1
Towne Ins. Co.'s Purple	0	3
Walmart Lt. Blue	1	2
Teal (Sponsor Needed)	2	0
Navy (Sponsor Needed)	3	0
Maroon (Sponsor Needed)	0	2
Red (Sponsor Needed)	1	1
GIRLS 13-17	W	L
Barker's Mechanical Plastics	4	1
Cressotti's E.B.'s	2	4
Dubay's Cutting Edge	4	2
Goodrow's (Sponsor Needed)	2	3
Shean's (Sponsor Needed)	1	3
GIRLS 10-13	W	L
Mutti's Tolti's	2	3
Borsari's River Auto Service	4	1
Kelly's Agawam Credit Union	5	2
Bishop's American Classics	0	5
Cullen's Riverside Park	3	3
Francis's Poolman	4	1
Pisano's T & R Wholesale	1	4
GIRLS 8-10	W	L
Agawam Spirit's Green Gators	2	3
Stan's Orange Tigers	3	2
Kid's Footwear Purple Knights	1	4
Red (Sponsor Needed)	3	1
Teal Seals (Sponsor Needed)	1	4
Yellow Jackets (Sponsor Needed)	4	0

In a recent match versus Palmer High, the Agawam High School girls' tennis team lost by the close score of 2-3.

In first singles, **Maureen Dimock** bowed to Jacqui Jurczyk, 4-6, 0-6.

"In the wind, Jacqui's hard, low ground strokes had the advantage over Maureen's game. The girls had good, long rallies and many games into multiple deuces," said Brownies' Coach Mary Wolochowicz.

Kaitlin White, in second singles, took on Katherine Wasiuk and defeated her Palmer opponent, 6-3, 6-3.

"Kaitlin was able to win with the more consistent game," remarked Wolochowicz. "Both girls were having trouble in the wind, but Kaitlin had the better shots and was able to compensate better."

Agawam's last victory on this day occurred during the third singles match, courtesy of **Janice Balicki's** win over Kate Robert, 6-1, 6-2.

The coach stated, "Janice said it best: 'I didn't hit many out.' If you could keep the ball bouncing in the court, you could win today. The wind was causing good shots to go bad and bad shots to go good. Interesting."

In first doubles action, **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** lost 3-6, 2-6 to Sara Kasper and Ruth Perry.

"Courtney and Seema had some great points but just not enough. Consistency was going to win today," said Coach Wolochowicz.

The final contest of the day saw the second doubles team of **Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales** fall 0-6, 7-6 (7-5), 2-6 to Jen Niedzella and Amy Mandell.

The coach had this to offer: "Andrea and Wendy tied the match with the second set tie break. Agawam and Palmer had both won two points, and second doubles would decide. The third set was all Palmer."

"It seemed that Andrea and Wendy had struggled so hard to tie it up, they did not have the last burst of points to win. They did a great job to get from 0-6 to win the second set."

After losing to Palmer, the Brownies were determined to get back on the winning track, and they did just that by demolishing Chicopee High School, 5-0.

To start off Agawam's domination over Chicopee, **Maureen Dimock** easily handled Selina St. Onge in first singles, 6-0, 6-1.

Kaitlin White, in second singles, then made quick work of Cindy Hollister, 6-0, 6-0.

Chicopee also failed to get any points in the third singles contest, as Beth Simpson fell 6-0, 6-0 to AHS's **Janice Balicki**.

Agawam High's first doubles tandem, **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada**, ruled the court with their 6-2, 6-2 over Colleen Zemrock and Amanda O'Connor.

Not wanting to be left out of the "win" column, the duo of **Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales**

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AHS Girls' Tennis Lose To Palmer; Defeat Chicopee & Westfield

trounced Awilda Lopez and Melissa Senacal by the score of 6-1, 6-0 in second doubles.

AHS Coach Mary Wolochowicz was philosophical about this contest, saying, "Needless to say, Chicopee is very inexperienced. We just had a very casual match against a very young team and just had a relaxing, friendly match."

"Believe it or not," she continued, "no one tried to embarrass anyone. Chicopee was just that inexperienced."

The Brownies' next competitor, Westfield High School, provided considerably more competition than Chicopee High did, but the Bombers ultimately fell to AHS, 4-1.

The first singles match saw **Maureen Dimock** chalk up another victory with her 6-4, 6-1 win over Megan Doe.

"Maureen was patient and tenacious, as she wanted to really win this match," said Coach Mary Wolochowicz. "She controlled the match by moving Megan all over the court."

In second singles, **Kaitlin White** earned a bit of "payback" against Rebeka Slozak, thanks to her 6-4, 6-1 win.

Wolochowicz stated with pride, "This match was especially good for Kaitlin, as Rebeka beat her the last time they played. Kaitlin moved much better and her ground strokes were harder, forcing mistakes on Rebeka's part."

Janice Balicki, in her third singles position, continued to impress her teammates and Wolochowicz when she beat Libby Delohery of Chicopee, 6-3, 6-3.

The coach commented, "Janice played her best all year today. She was moving Libby all over the place, totally frustrating her by getting almost all of her shots in play. This was Janice's fifth straight win."

Courtney Locke and **Seema Gada** demonstrated their formidable teamwork in first doubles by defeating Ann-Marie Christolini and Lindsay O'Donnell, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

"Courtney and Seema got a great win today," said Wolochowicz. "They played at the top of their game and, in the second set, some of the best points played this season had us in awe on the sidelines. Agawam wanted this match badly to have any tournament possibilities, and everyone played great."

The only toe-stubber for Agawam on this day occurred in second doubles, as **Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales** bowed to **Janine Flanive** and **Casey Peppek**.

"Although Andrea and Wendy didn't win, they also played some of their best tennis of the season," remarked the coach. "They had the misfortune of playing a more experienced team."

Wolochowicz concluded by saying, "We were very proud of our win today for two reasons: 1) Westfield beat us 4-1 last time we met, and 2) EVERYONE played their best all season. It was an exciting match to watch, with everyone peaking at the same time and really enjoying playing today."



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Agawam Little League Minor League Standings (As Of 5/17/98)

	W	L	T	P
Rollaway Red Sox	5	1	0	10
Riverside Park Royals	4	0	0	8
Ag. Public Mkt. Yankees	3	1	1	7
Luigi's Restaurant Braves	3	2	0	6
Dreyer Plumbing & Heating Dodgers	2	3	0	4
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Broderick Takes Modified Victory At Riverside On May 16th

Jimmy Broderick has won races at The New Thompson Speedway and Stafford Motor Speedway, and now at Riverside Park in the 50 lap NAPA Modified division feature on Saturday, May 16th.

Broderick, of Brookfield, Connecticut, took the lead on lap 30 and held on for his first win at Riverside Park in 1998. Broderick was followed by Eddy Spiers, Richie Gallup, Ted Riggott, and Chris Kopec in fifth place. Kopec, who spent Saturday afternoon qualifying at Nazareth Speedway, finished fifth after beginning the race in the very last starting position.

In the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division, Scott Bouley became the first and only repeat winner at Riverside Park in 1998. Bouley grabbed his second win over Barry Gray, Patrick Townsend, Todd Owen, and Rich Vasseur.

The Teddy Bear Pools Truck division saw Mike Duquette of Northampton capture his first win of 1998. Ted Chalmers was second, followed by Skip Breunig, Mike Salmond, and EJ Legacy. Kris Valerio, who finished seventh, picked up the bonus package for leading the point standings after the first four events for the new division.

For her efforts in the first four weeks of competition, Valerio receives two tires from Hoosier Tire East, 50 gallons of fuel courtesy of New England Racing Fuels, and a new truck body courtesy of Speedway Bodies.

The sportsman division returned to action after a three-week layoff and Ed Charette of Plainville, Connecticut won the 30 lap feature. Charette excited the fans by spinning "donuts" on the front stretch for his victory celebration. Charette was followed by Doug Goetz, Herb Carlon, Mike Chaves, and Glen Reilly.

The Figure 8 division closed out the night with a breathtaking finish. Betty Anne Dobosz passed Mike Gigantino as the checkered flag flew to capture her first win of 1998. Dobosz was followed by Steve Palmer, Gigantino, Roger Macznik, and Brian Montgomery in fifth.

The Budweiser Riverside 500 is Saturday, May 23rd at Riverside Park Speedway. Qualifying for the 500 lap team race begins at 2:30 p.m. and features start at 6:00 p.m. On May 24th, Pride presents the first exciting installment of the *Hartford Courant* Thrills and Spills Series. Action begins at 6:00 p.m.

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Riverside 500 Race Slated For May 23rd "A Team Effort"

In years past, this race set Riverside apart from other area short tracks. Indianapolis had a 500, and so did Riverside Park. The tradition has returned as Budweiser presents the Riverside 500 team race on Saturday, May 23rd.

One hundred drivers in five divisions (Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Trucks, Sportsman, and Super Stocks), will be paired up to run a total of 500 laps. Modifieds and Pro Stocks will each race for 125 laps, Trucks for 100 laps, and Sportsman and Super Stocks for 75 laps each.

"This is a fantastic event," says Riverside Park's Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "I hope these teams really get out and root for each other. It's a great chance for drivers to get to know each other and it's a really exciting event," continued Lewandoski.

Each division's segment will be an independent feature race, with independent payouts and NASCAR Winston Racing Series points awarded. Teams will be selected based on time trial results before the main event on Saturday. The pit area opens at 11:00 a.m. and time trials will begin at 2:30 p.m.

"Teams will be decided by pairing up the 20 fastest modifieds and the 20 fastest pro stocks after time trials," says Lewandoski. "Then the drivers will randomly select their Truck, Sportsman, and Super Stock teammates. It should be a lot of fun," says Lewandoski.

When the racing is completed, the best combined finish among the 20 teams will be determined the winner of the Bud Riverside 500. A total of \$11,000 in bonus money will be paid to the teams. The winning team will receive \$3,000.

Also in action on May 23rd will be the Northeast Antique Racers (NEAR) and the Atlantic Antique Midget Racers. "These two organizations will top off the celebration of our 50th Anniversary," says Lewandoski. Riverside Park Speedway will also be inducting 10 new members into its Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Next up at Riverside Park Speedway is the *Hartford Courant* Thrills and Spills Series on Sunday, May 24th sponsored by Pride Stations and Stores. This is the first installment of this wild and popular demolition and enduro series.

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Agawam Soccer Association On The Move

Spring soccer for both the new In-Town Coed Program and the Pioneer Valley Program is rapidly drawing to a close after a busy and soccer-filled spring.

The Sunday Only Co-Ed U8 and U10 In-Town Program got off to a good start with teams playing at Robinson Fields. The Pioneer Valley Spring season will be ending up in about two weeks with a Jamboree for the U10 players and playoffs for the rest.

Fall signups were conducted and a record number of children have signed up to participate in the fall in both the In-Town program as well as the Pioneer Valley Program.

SOCCER CAMPS

The Agawam Soccer Association is sponsoring two soccer camps this summer.

The Challenger Camp is run by all-British coaches (that's right, coaches direct from England) and will feature three formats: all-day camps, half-day camps, and mini two-hours camps.

These camps will be offered from July 20th to July 24th and cost \$67 for the two-hour camp, \$86 for the half day, and \$129 for the full day. Balls and "T" shirts will be provided to the campers.

The camp is being held at Phelps School in Agawam. If you are interested, please call Mike Fournier at 786-3435 for an application.

The Agawam Soccer School is running from August 3rd to August 7th from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for children in grades one through six. The cost is \$40 and applications can be obtained from Pat Tierney at 789-1239. This camp will also be held at Phelps School.

SOCCER EVENTS

Planning is well underway for the Riverside Classic Soccer Tournament, from which the proceeds benefit the Pioneer Valley teams and the In-Town program (helping to keep the signup costs low and participation levels high).

As in years past, a feature event will be the UMASS women's team playing at the Agawam High School field on Saturday night. This year, Agawam is proud to be the host for the Arizona State University women's team.

Our local professional Soccer Club, the Pioneers, are offering discount tickets for Agawam Night, to be held on July 17th in Ludlow. Adults are \$5, and students are \$2. Ask any Pioneer Valley coach for details.

PIONEER VALLEY SOCCER

In an exciting development, and one of the first in the valley, the Agawam Soccer Association now has fully-licensed coaches for all of its Pioneer Valley teams.

Over 30 coaches from Agawam, as well as some from out of town, were invited to attend an all-day coaching seminar which left the participants gasping for breath and filled with ideas, drills, and skills to help teach our kids.

All thought it was well worthwhile and felt they learned new techniques to practice with the kids.

COACHES NEEDED

In the Pioneer Valley Division of Agawam Soccer, there is a need for a Boys U10 "B" team coach and a Boys U12 "A" team coach. Anyone wishing to submit their name for consideration can contact Paul Lagasse at 784-5843.

Kamp For Kids™ Golf Tournament Slated For May 27th

The 22nd Annual Kamp For Kids™ Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, May 27th, at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

The format is Five-Person Scramble, and shotgun starts are at 7:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Singles and pairs are welcome.

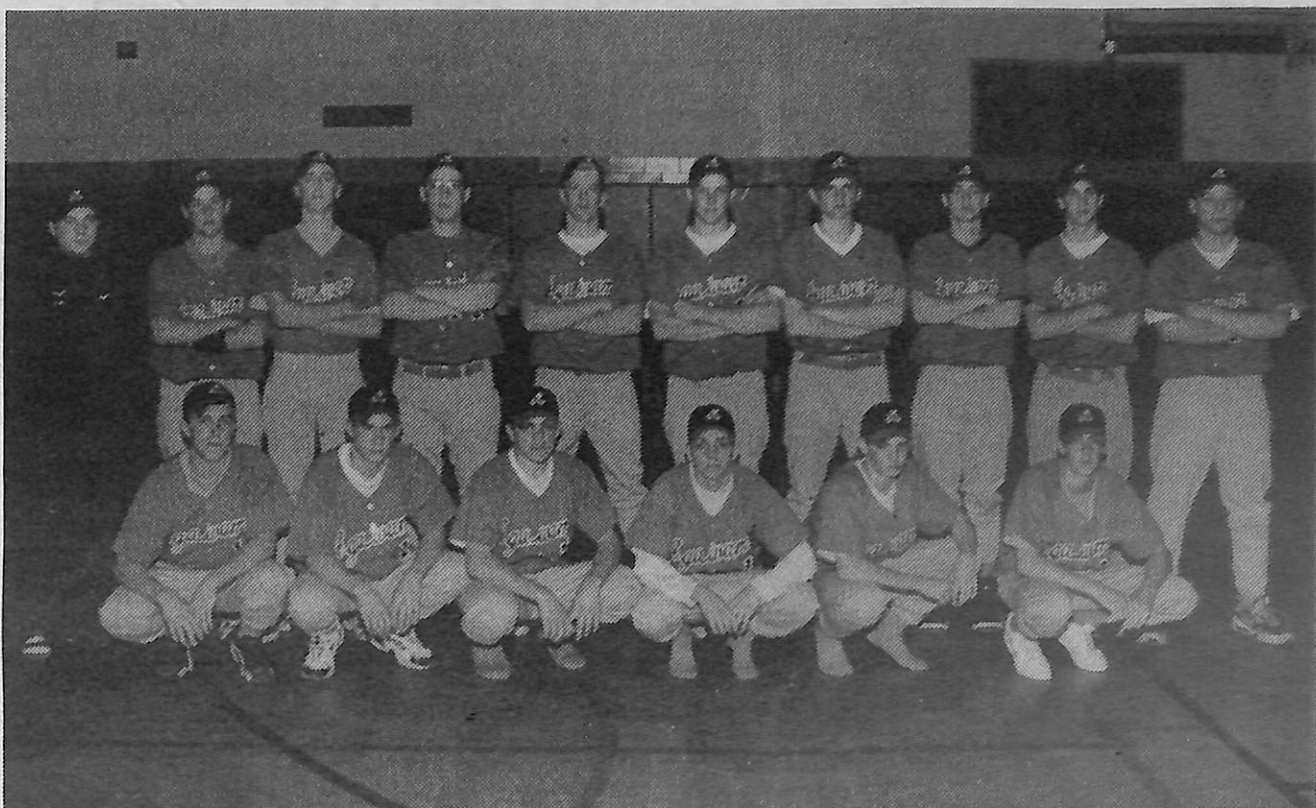
Golfers are urged to get their registrations in early, as tee times will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

The \$80 entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch on the course, (catered by Frigo's), and dinner at the banquet. All proceeds will benefit the disabled and non-disabled children at Kamp For Kids™.

For further information or to register for the tournament, contact John TenBrook at 562-5678.

We will be closed all day on Monday, Memorial Day. We open at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26th

AHS Junior Varsity Baseball 1998



1998 MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM include, back row - Coach Chechile, Derek Mercadante, Shawn Bieble, John Archanbault, Ryan Longtin, Pat Renna, Eric Bodurtha, Ryan Drobot, Scott Harlin, and Joe DiVirgilio. Front row - John Marcotte, Brian Chechile, David Gallerani, Chris Wayte, Mike Carney, and Jack Pearson. Missing: Matt Albano. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mark Chapman Car Show And Picnic Is Scheduled For Sunday, June 7th

Friends, neighbors, and members of the Hampden County Sheriff's Department gathered at the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Lodge to organize the second Annual Car Show and Picnic to be held in memory of Correctional Officer Mark Chapman, Sunday, June 7th.

The proceeds from this show and picnic go to the benefit of Mark's daughters, Nicole (15) and Megan (7), and to scholarships to Agawam, Cathedral, and Enrico Fermi High Schools.

This event will be held at the Agawam/West Springfield Elks Lodge on Morgan Road, West Springfield on June 7th from 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m. There will be pony rides, a bounce house, raffles, DJs, and games for the children.

Tickets for the Car Show and Picnic are \$10 per person. Children 12 and under are free. For information and tickets, contact Ed Coffey, 47 South Florida Drive, Agawam (413-789-0189).

Golf Outing To Help Big Brothers/Sisters At Twin Hills CC

The first Annual Golf Outing to benefit the Big Brothers Big Sisters will be held on Monday, June 8th at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow.

Play will be in a scramble format. Registration will be held at 11:00 a.m.; a putting contest and lunch will follow at 11:30 a.m. Golfers will tee-off in a shotgun format at 12:30 p.m.

Longest drive and closest to the pin contests will be held. Cocktails in the clubhouse will be served at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available all day.

Proceeds will go towards training, recruiting, and supporting Big Brother and Big Sister mentoring volunteers. To register, call 781-4730.

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UNICO Planning 1st Annual Golf Outing At Ag. CC

On Sunday, June 7th, the Agawam Chapter of Unico National will be holding its first annual Unico Golf Tournament at the Agawam Country Club.

According to Joseph J. Conte, Jr., first vice-president of the Unico chapter and chairman of the upcoming tournament, this event will feature a hole-in-one contest and many prizes for everyone. What's more, there will be a complete steak dinner at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street, Agawam, following the tournament.

The tournament will be a scramble, best ball format, and tickets are \$50 per person/\$200 per foursome.

Tickets and additional information are available by calling Joseph J. Conte, Jr., 786-6700, Gene Mutti, 786-7644, or John Conte, 786-9518.

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Senior Center Golf Tournament Is Set For Friday, May 29th

The third annual Agawam Senior Center Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 29th, at the Agawam Country Club. It is open to players of all ages and abilities.

The cost of the tournament is \$40. This year's proceeds will go toward the renovations and refurbishing of the Senior Center.

Snacks (cheese, fruit, and crackers) will be served at 11:30 a.m., and the tournament will begin at 12:00 noon with a shotgun start/scramble format. This year, the event will end with a buffet lunch.

Golf registration forms are available at the Senior Center and the Agawam Golf Course. For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

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Agawam American Legion Announces Baseball Team Tryouts

American Legion Post 185 of Agawam will be holding tryouts for its 1998 baseball team on Saturday, May 23rd, at Agawam High School. Please be on time.

The tryouts will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be held rain or shine.

Anyone who was born after August 1, 1979, and is of the high school level, is eligible to try out for the team.

"Senior Games" To Be Held At Forest Park June 12th-14th

June 12th-14th and the Senior Games are approaching rapidly. It is time to sign-up and refresh your skills.

Shuffleboard practice will be held at Forest Park every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting) with Janice Schermerhorn. You can practice any day on your own as long as the clubhouse is open. Anyone wishing to learn the game and rules is more than welcome.

There are many more events that are available. If you want to participate and need information and an application form, see or call Gail Freeman at the Senior Center (786-0400, ext. 242). You can also contact an ASGA member or come to their meeting on April 16th (the third Thursday of the month) at the Senior Center.

There are also volunteer opportunities. It is a great way to meet people, exercise, and have fun.

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AHS Girls Track Ranked No. 2



AT PRESSTIME, the Agawam High girls' varsity track team was ranked number two Western Mass. (Division I) with the Western Mass. Tournament just around the corner. The team is coached by Dean Vecchiarelli and Dan Pryce (seated in front row). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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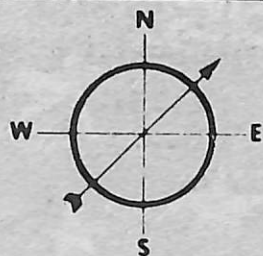
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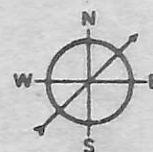
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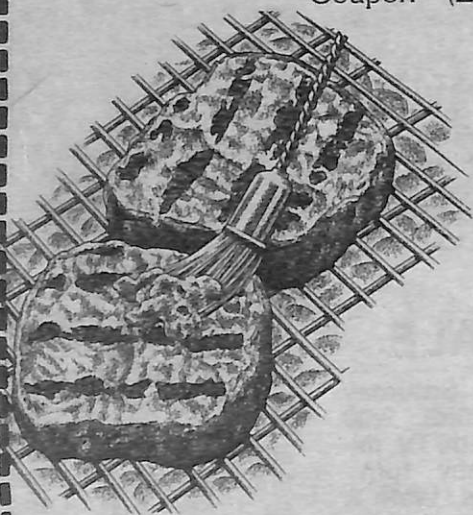
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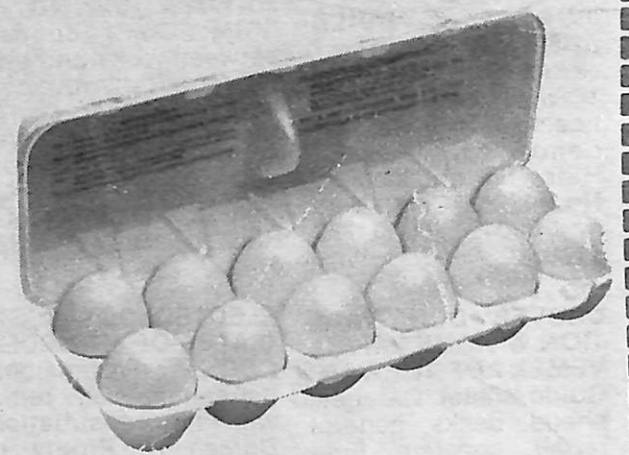
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